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## Soviet Baltic Fleet Shelling South Finland Coast

# HEAVY RED ARMY CASUALTIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

LATEST REPORTS FROM Helsinki indicate that the Soviet Baltic Fleet is now engaged almost in full strength against the Finnish fortifications along the southern coast.

Yesterday afternoon and evening, points all along the coast were under bombardment, and a landing attempt was made at Hangoe, which was beaten off with heavy loss.

## NAZIS MASS ON BORDER OF HUNGARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

It is reliably reported that German troops are concentrating on the Hungarian frontier.

The headquarters of German troops in Slovakia were recently transferred to Prosov, which is in the immediate vicinity of the Sub-Carpathian Ukraine, which was incorporated into Hungary after Czechoslovakia's dismemberment.—Havas.

Paris, To-day.

A Bucharest telegram states that it is confirmed that the Nazis are concentrating a large number of troops on the Hungarian frontier.—Reuter.

## BIG GERMAN LINER TO MAKE DASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mexico City, To-day.

The latest reports indicate that two German ships, the Arauka and the round-the-world luxury liner Columbus, are making preparations to leave harbour shortly for an unknown destination.

The skipper of the Arauka indicated "some port in the United States."

Both vessels have been loaded with 20,000 barrels of oil, which is possibly destined for some German corsair

Independent quarters also speak of heavy fighting along the Mannerheim Line and in the extreme north.

Observers on the Mannerheim Front state that the Soviet troops are not adequately equipped for the rigours of the bitterly cold weather now prevailing and that prisoners taken were suffering acute distress.

All attacks on the Mannerheim Line have been repulsed with substantial losses. Tanks brought into action on this front were badly mauled and at least eighteen were destroyed.—Havas.

HEAVY SOVIET LOSSES NORTH OF LAKE LADOGA

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE STATES: — "LITTLE ACTIVITY OWING TO HEAVY SNOW-STORM, EXCEPT NORTH OF LAKE LADOGA, WHERE THE ENEMY SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES."

Denying the Soviet allegation that gas had been used, the Finnish Government considers it "not out of the question that the Russian accusation is a pretext for their future use of poison-gas."

An official resume of the situation alleges that the Russians brutally treated the inhabitants north of Lake Ladoga, who had not evacuated their homes.

THOUSANDS OF CASUALTIES It is claimed that a large number of Russians were blown up in a mined forest near Terijoki.

Russian losses are placed at several thousands.

Eighteen more Soviet tanks are reported to have been destroyed.—Reuter.

FINNS HOLD PETSAMO

Stockholm, To-day.

According to the latest reports, the Finns are still holding Petsamo.—Reuter.

LENINGRAD CLAIM

Moscow, To-day.

The capture of Hogland and a number of other strategic islands is claimed in a Leningrad communique.—Reuter.

on the high seas or an unknown base. The Columbus, a vessel of 32,354 tons, is owned by the Norddeutscher Lloyd and is almost 750 feet long.—Havas.

## VIOLENT AIR ATTACKS EXPECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Reports from Helsinki state that the most violent air activity against Finnish cities is expected as soon as the evacuation of German residents is complete.

The concentration of Soviet troops is continuing along the Finnish borders and the fleet is massing between Hangoe and Tallinn.—Havas.

## NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

The Norwegian freighter Arcturus, of Bergen, 800 tons, hit a mine and sank off the Scottish east coast on Friday. Seventeen sailors were picked up by a Danish steamer; the fate of the others is not known.—Havas.

## JAPAN TO GIVE SITUATION ONCE-OVER

Tokyo, To-day.

General Abe, the Prime Minister, has invited leaders of the major Japanese political groups to a joint conference at his residence this afternoon.

He will ask for their co-operation in the execution of foreign and domestic policies in connection with the hostilities in China, according to rumours circulating here.

The political leaders invited include: Chuji Machida, president of the Min-seito party; Fusanosuka Kuhara, president of the Orthodox Seiyukai party; Chikuhei Nakajima, president of the Seiyukai Reformist faction; and Isao Abe, president of the Social Mass party.—Reuter.

## RALLY CALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

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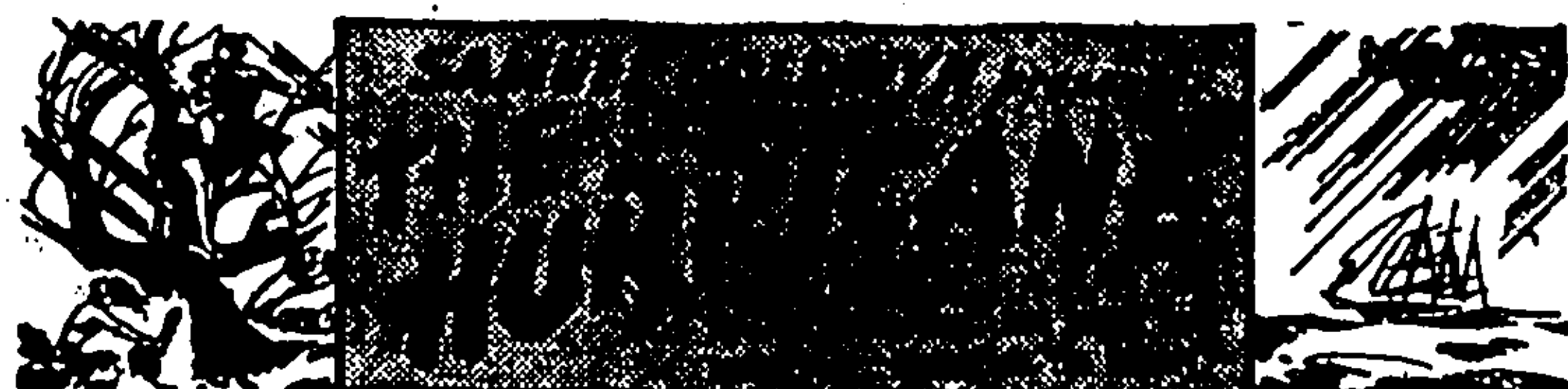
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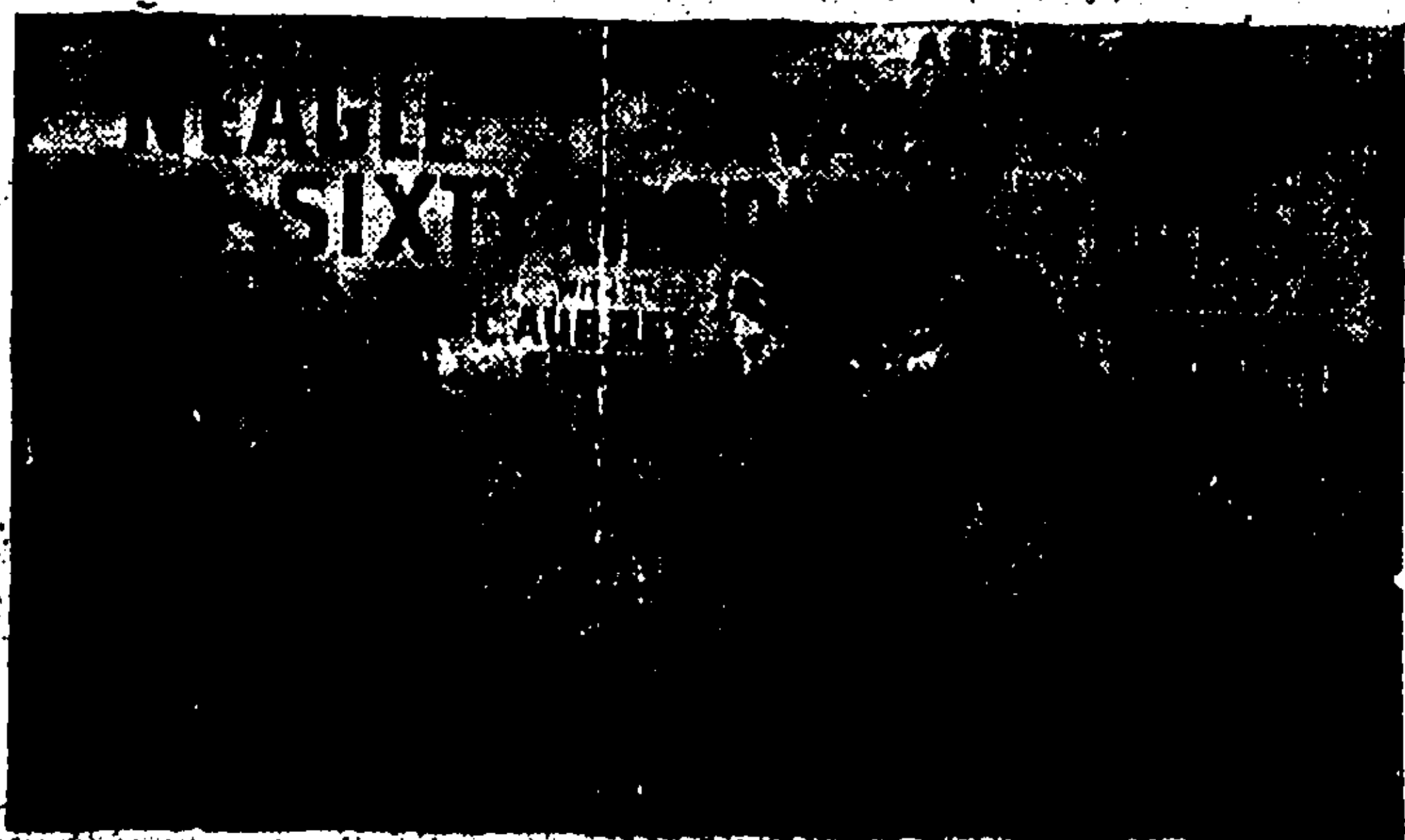
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BRITAIN REFUSED TO BARGAIN

# SECRETS OF MOSCOW FAILURE TO ACHIEVE A PACT

London, To-day.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE events of the last few days, the grave responsibility which lies on the Nazi Government for the invasion of Finland by Soviet forces becomes clearer in the opinion of well-informed quarters in London.

It is not doubted, in view of the available evidence, that the occupation of Finland, like that of the Baltic States, was insisted upon by Stalin before the conclusion of the Soviet-Nazi Pact last August.

It is believed, in short, that Hitler was prevailed upon by von Ribbentrop to agree in advance to this Soviet demand as part of the price for the Moscow Pact which the German Foreign Minister calculated would result in keeping Britain and France out of the war Hitler was determined to loose upon Poland.

Support for this reading of events comes from the facts now disclosed for the first time by authoritative circles regarding the breakdown of the Anglo-French-Soviet negotiations.

Britain and France, it may be remembered, had, for some months prior to the invasion of Poland, been trying to conclude with the Soviet Government a Pact intended to prove a deterrent to German aggression.

The course of their negotiations was kept secret.

It is now admitted, however, that the reason for their failure was the refusal of the French and British Governments to agree to Russian demands which would have endangered the integrity of the Baltic States and Finland.

## SOVIET "BARGAIN"

For instance, as part of their price for an alliance, the Soviet Government insisted that Britain and France should persuade Finland and the Baltic countries to put at the disposal of the Soviet Fleet, naval bases off the coast of Oesel and Dago and the Aaland islands.

It is pointed out that Britain and France were not prepared to traffic in the sovereignty of small States.

RIBBENTROP'S FEWER SCRUPLES Von Ribbentrop proved less scrupulous.

# THREE NAZI SUBMARINES SUNK

London, To-day.

Three German submarines are reported to have been sunk during the last week.

A Grimsby trawler, engaged in submarine hunting, is stated to have accounted for two off the East Coast. About one there was no possibility of error; it was sunk by depth charges; the second left huge patches of oil after it had been attacked with depth charges.

The captain of the British steamer, Stonepool, which was attacked by a U-boat, said that the German submarine was later destroyed by a British warship.—Reuter.

It is interesting to recall now the anxiety displayed by Finland and the Baltic States at the time of the Anglo-French-Soviet negotiation lest any understanding should be reached which might compromise their sovereignty or neutrality.

The Nazi Government did its best to encourage such suspicions so long as it feared the conclusion of a Tripartite Pact against aggression at Moscow, but did not hesitate to barter away the independence of these States in return for Soviet acquiescence in the attack on Poland.—British Wireless.

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## FINLAND REPERCUSSIONS

# WAR IN EUROPE MAY BECOME GENERAL ALLIES & SCANDINAVIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

**THE POSSIBILITY OF THE spreading of the war so as to become practically general throughout Europe is seen by political observers in London in the event of an attack on Scandinavia or the Balkans.**

It is considered certain that the Soviet aggression against Finland is the result of a German-Russian understanding, and it is thought possible that both countries will afterwards attempt to control Norway and Sweden because they require the rich iron ores of these countries.

**Should their action take a military form and be opposed by the Scandinavian countries, the Allied forces would oppose the aggressors.**

On the other hand, aggression in the Balkans or in Central Europe is also possible, and would also mean a general spreading of the war.

It is rumoured that Russia and Germany will attack Rumania, Russia occupying Bessarabia and inducing Bulgaria to occupy Dobrudja, while Germany advances into the Carpathian Mountains.

The Anglo-Turco-French pact which, inter alia, guarantees Rumania, would then become operative and an Eastern Front would be formed.

It is pointed out that the formation of such a front would be easy and rapid, as the situation is much better than in 1914, when Germany opposed the Allies. — Havas.

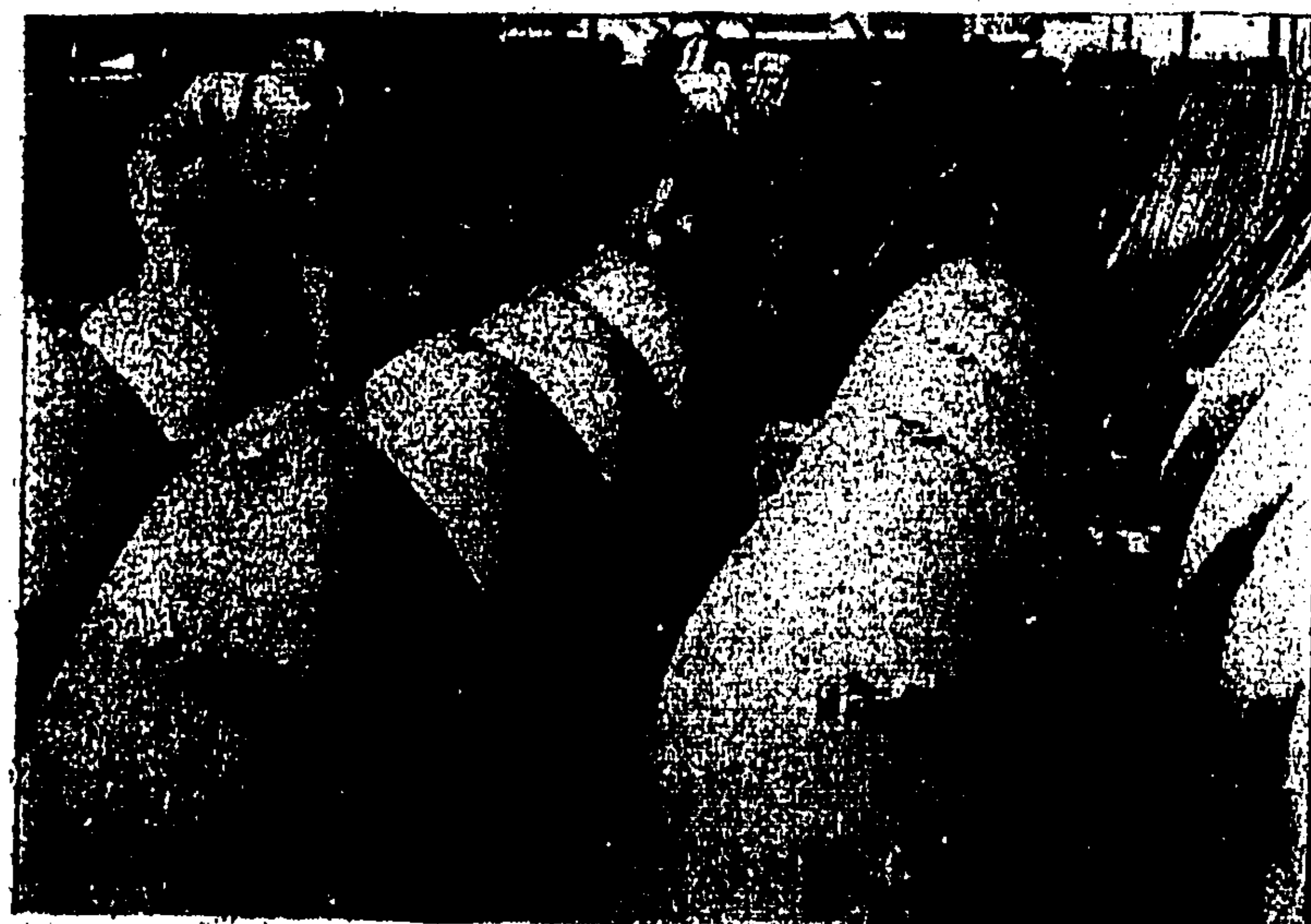
## ARTILLERY ACTIVITY IN FRANCE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ALTHOUGH PARIS SAYS, IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE, "THERE IS NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE TO REPORT BEYOND SOME LOCAL ARTILLERY ACTION," GERMAN REPORTS ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO FRENCH ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

The High Command refers to "increased activity" with intense French bombardment east of the Moselle.

Homburg and Offenburg were under shellfire from heavy guns, and artillery was also active in other sectors. — Reuter.



The "ears" of the R.A.F. Photo taken in a large factory in England, showing the assembly of the "ears" for R.A.F. locators. (Copyright, Fox).

## TOMMIES PLEASED, BY GUM!

Sufficient chewing gum to supply every man serving with the B.E.F. has been given to the War Office by Wrigleys.

Further large quantities have been placed at the disposal of the Army Home Commands, the R.A.F. and the Navy.

The authorities describe the gift—totalling about two tons—as "highly acceptable."

## TALLINN CONFERENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

For the first time since the establishment of the virtual Soviet protectorate over them, members of the Baltic Entente are meeting in Tallinn on Thursday.

It is believed that they will limit themselves to an expression of moral solidarity on the bases of existing treaties. — Havas.

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## Britain Begins Fourth Month Of War Dramatically

# DARING R.A.F. RAID ON HELIGOLAND

## NAZI SUBMARINE DESTROYED IN NORTH SEA

London, To-day.

MARKING THE COMMENCEMENT of the fourth month of the war, a strong formation of R.A.F. bombing planes yesterday carried out a daring raid on Heligoland, the German naval base and fortress, which guards the entrance to the Kiel Canal.

The official announcement of the Air Ministry claims that the raid was a complete success, that direct hits were scored upon German warships with heavy bombs, and that none of the R.A.F. machines failed to return safely.

The attack seems to have taken the Germans completely by surprise as only one enemy machine, a Messerschmidt fighter, went up to challenge the British planes, and this German machine was swiftly shot down.

The R.A.F. planes swooped over naval formations in the Heligoland, in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, but they pressed home their attack determinedly "and obtained direct hits with heavy bombs."

While this attack was in progress, a British coastal reconnaissance plane, caught a German submarine on the surface in the North Sea, and destroyed it with a salvo of bombs before the commander of the U-boat was aware of the impending attack. —Reuter.

### SEEN FROM 8 MILES

The pilot flying the Coastal Command aircraft was 150 miles from land when he sighted a minute object on the horizon eight miles distant.

With his binoculars he was able to satisfy that it was an enemy submarine apparently of the ocean-going type.

So that he might approach unobserved the pilot climbed into a cloud bank and stalked his quarry from there.

The U-boat's crew heard the aircraft's engines too late.

### DIRECT HIT

The pilot swooped towards his target and released a bomb. Before the submarine could fully submerge a direct hit was scored when a bomb exploded on the base of the conning tower.

The aircraft remained over the position for five minutes to look for survivors but none were seen.

When the aircraft left a long oval patch of bubbling foaming water covered the spot where the submarine had been.

The two Cabinet Ministers, Sir Samuel Hoare and Sir Maurice Hankey were visiting R.A.F. Coastal Command Headquarters when the wireless message was received from the aircraft announcing the destruction of the submarine. —Reuter.

### THE GERMAN STATEMENT

Berlin, To-day.

A German statement on the bombing of Heligoland naval base, declares that owing to the heavy anti-aircraft fire, the enemy were able to drop only a few bombs, which did "very slight material damage."

One fishing-boat was sunk. —Reuter.

## TWO CRUISERS AMONG SHIPS ATTACKED

London, To-day.

It is learned that two cruisers were among the German warships successfully attacked in the R.A.F. raid on Heligoland.

The cruisers were lying close to a flotilla of six or seven destroyers.

The squadron leader of the attacking force reports that when he ordered the attack, heavy anti-aircraft fire was opened and one British machine fell out of formation but was able to regain height and returned home with the others.

There were no casualties among the R.A.F. personnel.

Photographs were taken during the bombing.

Among the ships upon which direct hits were obtained was one of the cruisers. —Reuter.

## HONG KONG YOUTH RESCUED

THE HONG KONG POLICE ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THE SMART WORK IN TRACING AND, INDIRECTLY, RESCUING CHENG CHUNG-FEI, THE 17-YEAR-OLD SON OF A WEALTHY CHINESE BUSINESSMAN, WHO DISAPPEARED ON SEPTEMBER 7.

The lad was returned to his parents on Saturday night.

Working diligently on the case for over a month, the police eventually discovered that the boy was being held somewhere in the Waichow District, Chinese territory, by kidnappers.

With the co-operation of the Chinese authorities at Waichow, the lad was traced to Poklo Hsien, where the Chinese police surrounded a house and following a gunbattle with the kidnappers rescued the boy.

Several of the kidnappers have been arrested.

### TWO KILLED

The "China Mail" understands that two of the kidnappers were shot and killed during the fight with the Chinese Police at Poklo Hsien.

The Hong Kong police have apprehended several suspects in the Colony and it is likely that they will be sent to Waichow.

## FRENCH STEAMER SUNK

Paris, To-day.

The French steamer Floride of 7,030 tons struck a German mine and was later beached near an unnamed French port.

Two men were killed. —Reuter.

## BHUTAN'S MESSAGE OF LOYALTY

London, To-day.

From Bhutan—a small State on the southern slopes of the Himalayas near Tibet—a message has come to the King Emperor accompanied by a silk scarf.

The message is from the Maharaja of Bhutan offering his services and stating that he has instructed the Lamas of all monasteries in his State to perform religious ceremonies in order that victory in war may be assured to the King Emperor.

His Majesty's deep appreciation of this loyal offer has been conveyed to the Maharaja. —British Wireless.

## TWO MACAO ARRESTS

Two men, arrested on board a ship at Macao in possession of a large number of watches, were brought back to Hong Kong to-day.

They were arrested on suspicion of complicity in the theft of 67 watches, valued at \$5,884.18, from the Sun Company, Des Voeux Road Central.

The two men had arrived in Macao from Hong Kong.

One case of diphtheria, five of dysentery and 28 of tuberculosis, reported to the Medical Department during the week-end.

## GERMAN U-BOAT TRAPPED

London, To-day.

The dramatic story of how a German U-boat fell into a carefully laid trap by British warships off the coast of Britain is now revealed.

The failure of the U-boat to reach its objective was due to the watchfulness of the crew of a small fishing smack, who saw the submarine in the moonlight slipping stealthily along the coast, and immediately reported its presence to the naval authorities.

The U-boat commander was lulled into a false sense of security and made his way towards his objective and was almost ready to carry out his mission when, as pre-arranged, the warships and searching craft swooped upon the submarine and destroyed it with depth charges. —Reuter.

## KWEILIN BOMBED FOR THIRD DAY

Kweilin, To-day.

For the third successive day, Kweilin was bombed yesterday morning.

The raiding planes made Hurgmiao, a suburb in the south-west, their main target and dropped more than 40 bombs.

Japanese planes also bombed Pingyang, Liuchow, Hohsiang and Kweihien. —Central News.

### THIEVES ACTIVE

Chan Yiu-wing, of No. 469, Shanghai Street, has reported the theft of property valued at \$181 from his residence some time last night.

Property valued at \$141 was stolen from No. 6, Arbuthnot Road, during the week-end.



Back a most important part of the organisation of our Army is the Army Post Office, situated at a rail-head in the South of England, where letters and parcels addressed to the British Expeditionary Force are sorted and despatched to France. Photo shows — The Dead Letter Department. Wrongly-addressed and badly packed parcels have been to France and are now being returned to the senders. (Copyright, Fox).



# THIRTY-ONE DEAD, EIGHTEEN INJURED, IN DISASTROUS SHANGHAI STREET FIRE

VERY SIMILAR TO THE disastrous fire at West Point last Monday, in which nine persons, including women and children perished, a serious outbreak occurred last night in Shanghai Street, Kowloon.

Dramatic scenes were witnessed when the inmates of the burning buildings rushed to verandahs and windows shouting for help, being cut off from escape down the staircases.

Several, in agony, resulting from burns, took flying leaps from the buildings. Others waited until fire brigades arrived with canvas sheets,

Two women and two girls were killed instantly when they crashed to the road below, and 21 others were injured and taken to hospital.

Later in the evening when the fire was under control, firemen unearthed ten charred bodies, including those of three children, burnt beyond recognition. Some 15 persons were still missing last night.

## TWO HOUSES GUTTED

The fire broke out on the first floor of No. 482, Shanghai Street, occupied by cotton-wool dealers and fanned by a strong wind rapidly spread to No. 480.

Thrilling rescues were made by the firemen, who climbed ladders and rescued several children and babies from the blazing houses. Mr. C. W. Brand, of the Kowloon Fire Brigade, ran up the ladder to a burning verandah and with the aid of his assistants rescued three adults and a baby.

The overcoat of Mr. Johnson Kong, Scout master of the 8th Kowloon Troop, was converted into a jumping sheet which was extended for several persons to jump into. Several escaped injuries this way.

## DEATHROLL NOW 31

The deathroll resulting from the disastrous fire in Shanghai Street last night is increasing and is believed will rise to over 50 casualties.

The latest police report reads:

"Removed to the mortuary,

"4 female bodies, aged between 1 and 4 years;

"7 females bodies, aged between 4 and 12 years;

"17 female bodies, aged between 20 and 50 years;

"3 male bodies, aged between 20 and 50 years; and

"1 body, sex unknown."



Ettore Pellegatti, the noted cellist, who is taking part in a Cello and Piano recital in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday at 9.30 p.m.

## BALTIC STATES TO CONFER

Tallinn, To-day. The Foreign Ministers of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia are meeting here on Thursday and Friday.

It is stated that the principal topic of conversation will be the economic situation, especially foreign trade in connection with economic warfare.—Reuter.

## GREAT-AUNT OF KING PASSES AT AGE OF 91

London, To-day.

The death is announced of the great-aunt of His Majesty the King, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll.

Princess Louise died at her Kensington Palace home at the age of 91, after an illness of many months.

The Princess was the first English princess to marry a commoner.

Her husband, the ninth Duke of Argyll, died on May 2, 1914.—Reuter.

No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral. Princess Louise was the fourth daughter of Queen Victoria.

She accompanied her husband, the Duke of Argyll, when he went to Canada as Governor-General.

The surviving children of Queen Victoria are Duke of Connaught and Princess Beatrice.—British Wireless.

## CLEANING UP DEBRIS IN HELSINKI

Helsinki, To-day.

While fighting continues on the eastern front, the capital of Finland passed a relatively quiet day and the people were engaged yesterday in cleaning up the debris.

A German steamer which is in harbour with 600 Germans aboard for evacuation is likely to leave today and its presence may have been partly responsible yesterday for the inactivity of Soviet airmen.

It is revealed that a woman pilot was found among the crew of a Russian plane which was brought down after machine-gunning the streets of Helsinki.—Reuter.

## TWO-WAY BLOCKADE IN FORCE

London, To-day.

To-day, the war enters upon its fourth month and there comes into operation the Order-in-Council signed by the King last Monday which, as a reprisal for German violations of the laws and customs of war, provides for further restraint of her commerce by making liable to seizure German exports in neutral ships.

The doctrine of reprisals is very ancient.

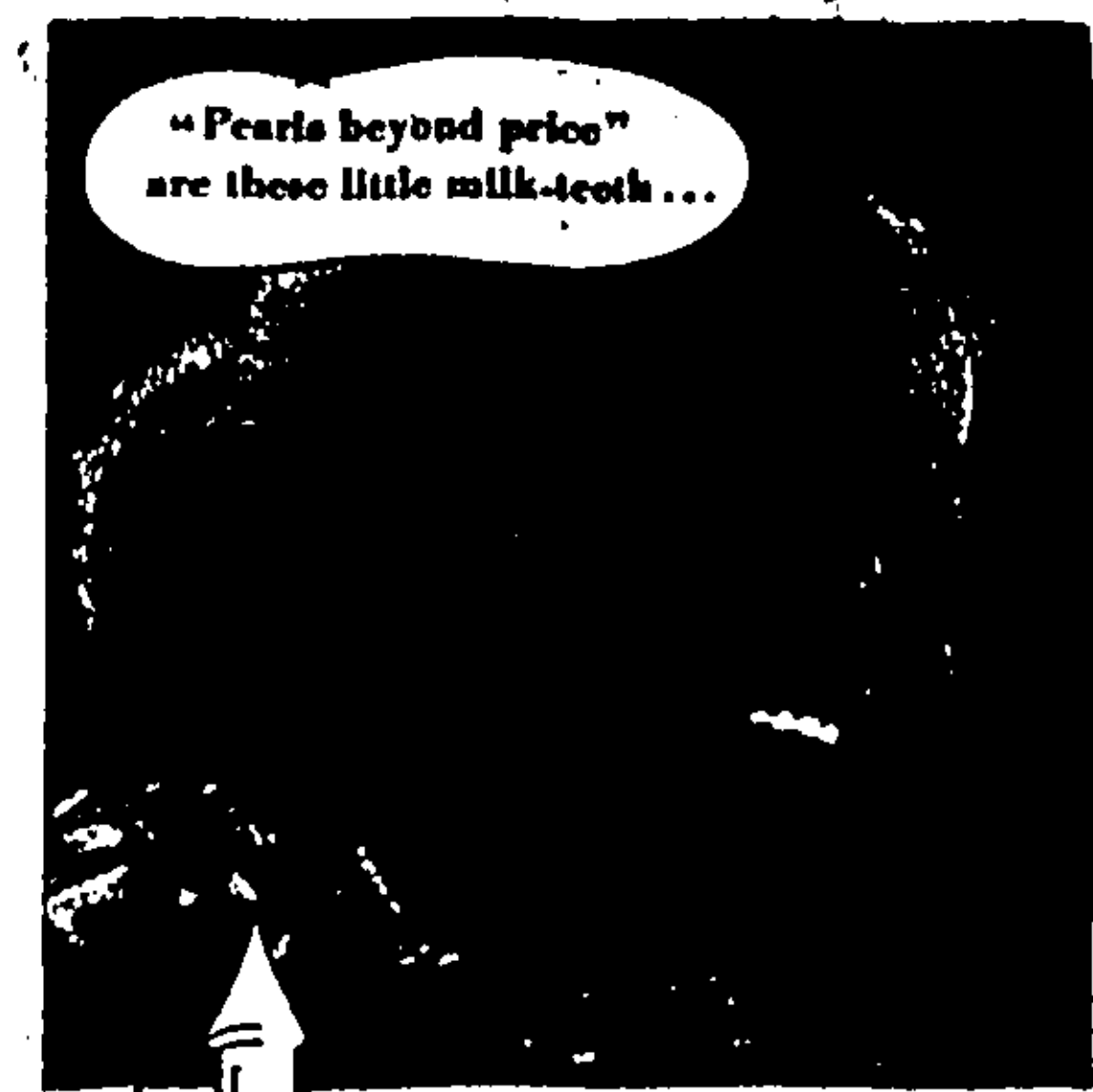
The celebrated example of its application occurred during the Napoleonic Wars when Bonaparte illegally made Berlin decrees to forbid neutral trade with England.

England replied by Orders-in-Council which had the object of cutting off all enemy commerce.

### WAR EXAMPLE

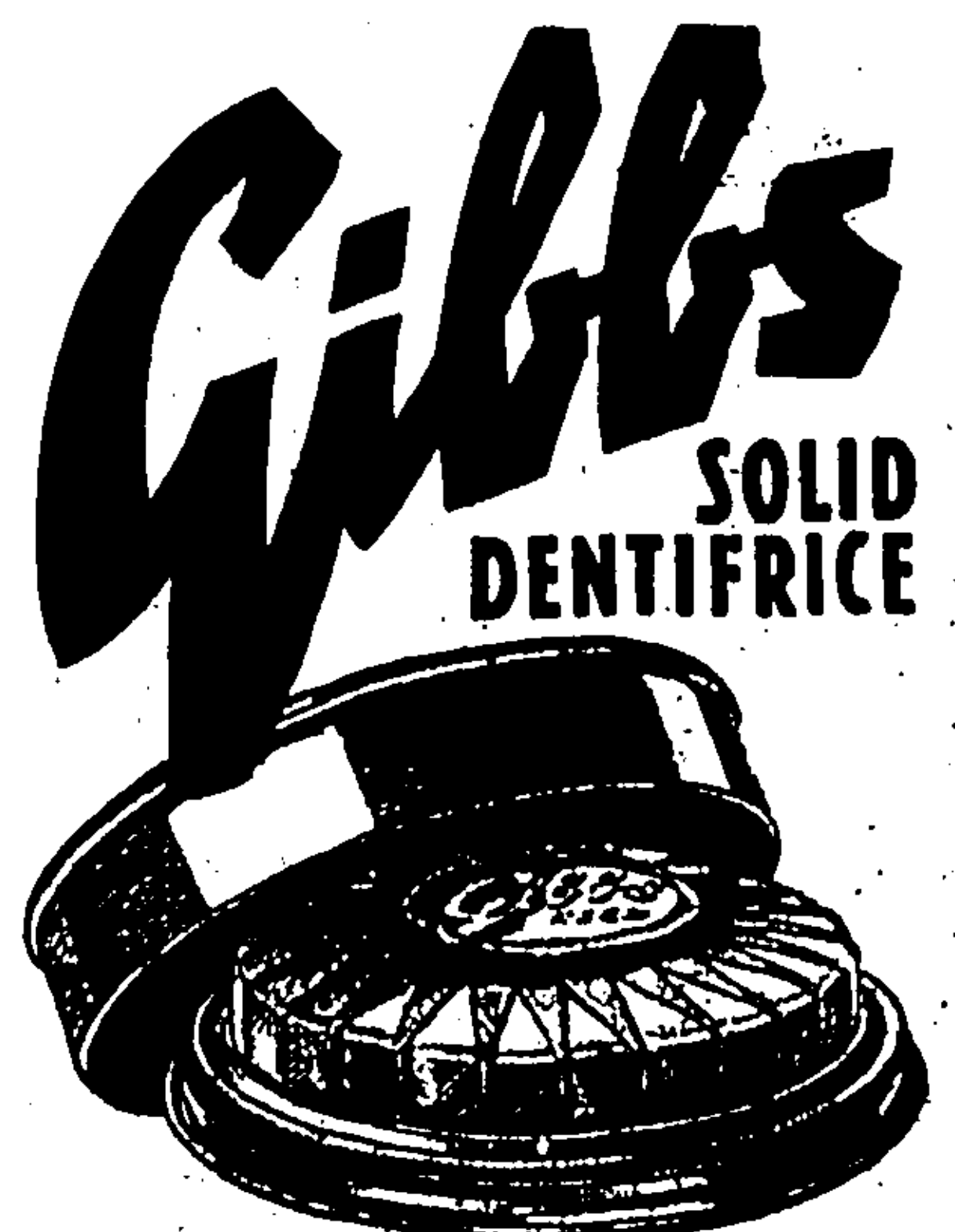
A more recent example occurred in the last war when a situation very similar to the present one arose by reason of the illegal German submarine and mine action, which was answered by an Order-in-Council on March 11th, 1915, and again to-day seeks to prevent enemy commerce without danger to life at sea and without involving loss to neutral interests by confiscation.

German action taken against British commerce on the contrary threatens not only neutral shipping and neutral cargoes but neutral life.—British Wireless.



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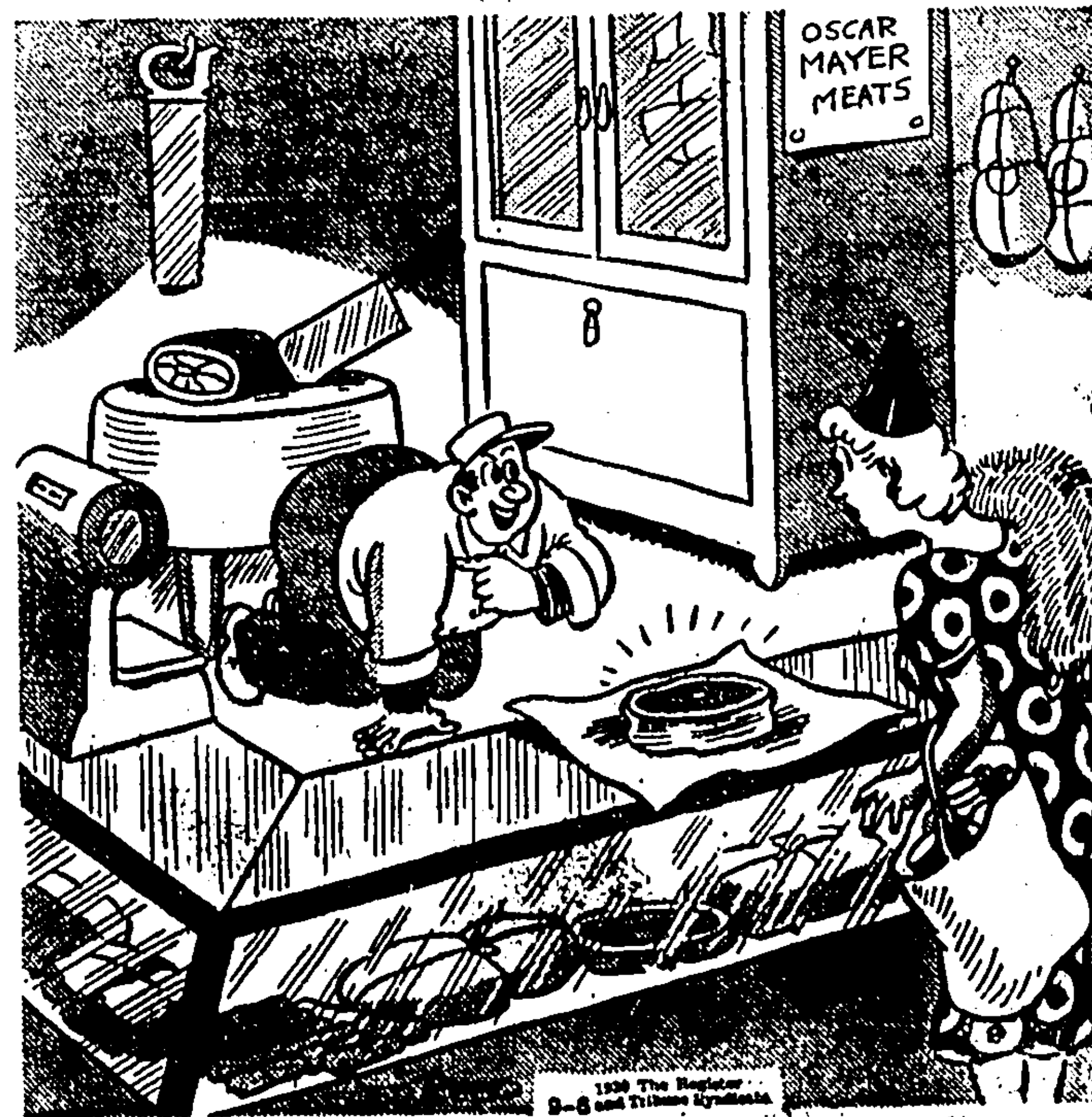
Precious to health now. Precious to future beauty — for on the soundness of the milk-teeth depends so greatly the soundness of the permanent teeth. That is why children should have nothing less than the world's leading dentifrice — Gibbs. What a pleasure to see how Gibbs polishes teeth dazzlingly white without risk of scratching: to know that Gibbs keeps teeth perfectly clean, the whole mouth protected against decay germs. Your teeth are Ivory Castles—defend them with



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# Unholy Agreement Between Nazis And Reds

## AMERICAN SANCTIONS: MR. HULL AND PRESIDENT CONSULT ON FURTHER STEPS

Washington, To-day.

**THE PREVAILING VIEW** in official circles is that an understanding exists between Hitler and Stalin regarding the spheres of influence in Northern Europe.

It is felt, however, that Berlin may be chagrined at the clumsy manner with which Stalin is extending the Soviet sphere of influence.

## FINLAND CALLS FOR LEAGUE MEETING

Geneva, To-day.

M. Avenol is calling a meeting of the League of Nations Council for December 9 in response to Finland's appeal. — Reuter.

According to a source close to Finnish circles here, the Finns hope to bring about a rupture in diplomatic relations between members of the League and Russia, and, at the same time, hope that the United States will lend her support, and thus influence the greater Powers to take a stronger attitude against Russia and break off commercial relations.

The Finns call attention to the fact that Italy is still technically a member of the League as her two years' notice only expires late this month. — Reuter.

### SOVIET SIGNATURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

Informed circles state that Finland is invoking Article X of the Covenant, under which members, including the U.S.S.R., pledge themselves to respect the territorial and political independence of League members against foreign aggression. — Havas.

### OFFICIAL NOTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

M. Holsti, the Finnish delegate to the League of Nations, called on M. Avenol, Secretary-General of the League yesterday, to whom he communicated his Government's decision to ask for a summoning of the League Council without delay, as provided for under Articles XI and XV of the Covenant of the League.

The official Finnish note was also handed over yesterday afternoon. — Havas.

## N.Y.K. TO PUT OLD SHIPS ON THE EUROPEAN RUN

Kobe, To-day.

As a result of the loss of the crack liner, Terukuni Maru, off the East Coast of England, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has decided to replace the modernised vessels it now employs on European routes by older ships of six or seven thousand tons. — Reuter.

### FOREIGN OFFICE APPOINTMENTS

London, To-day.

Viscount Halifax, Foreign Secretary, has appointed Mr. Ralph Skrine-Stevenson, to be his Principal Private Secretary in succession to Mr. Oliver Harvey, who will be appointed British Minister in Paris. — British Wireless.

Germany is likely to suffer, in the first instance owing to the Soviet using up the war supplies which Germany expected would be available for her.

Secondly the Finnish war is alleged to have revealed serious weaknesses in the Red Army which cast doubts on the value of Soviet aid to Germany.

And thirdly, the Soviet onslaught has aroused violent indignation against totalitarian states among neutrals including the United States. — Reuter.

### ROOSEVELT STATEMENT

President Roosevelt's statement, uncompromisingly condemning the Soviet invasion of Finland, which has since been supplemented by ex-President Hoover's call for the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Russia, is regarded as a very important development in the formulation of America's war-time policy, by both officials and diplomats.

It is considered to be another step in the direction of strengthening the Administration's power to chart the country's foreign policy which is shackled and circumscribed by the Neutrality Act.

### PUBLIC APPROVAL

Public support is overwhelmingly behind the President in his action in definitely naming the Soviet as the aggressor and applying for sanctions against the Soviet, both of which practices are contrary to the intentions of the Congressional drafters of the Neutrality Act.

M. Molotov's statement describing President Roosevelt's appeal to Moscow to refrain from bombing of civilians as pointless has increased the anger of the United States Administration.

Officials point out that the American Legation officially reported that civilian centres had been bombed and children killed, while the actual bomb explosions were on one occasion heard by Transatlantic telephone.

### FUTURE STEPS

Mr. Cordell Hull and President Roosevelt had a long consultation yesterday morning regarding the whole subject of the relations of the United States and the Soviets and the future steps which the United States, in response to the pressure of public opinion, might be able to take. — Reuter.

## THRACIAN'S RESCUE

H.M.S. THRACIAN RESCUED THE CREW OF JUNK 5102-P YESTERDAY AND BROUGHT THEM BACK TO THE COLONY SAFELY.

The master of the junk said that at 8 a.m. on Saturday, he was stopped by a Japanese destroyer. Japanese sailors, armed with rifles, boarded the junk and forced the crew to dismantle it, masts, equipment and gear being thrown overboard.

A cargo of matches, valued at \$230, was taken by the Japanese.



M. Daladier, the French Premier, who has been granted plenipotentiary powers for the duration of the war.

## SOVIET AIRWOMAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

Women are participating as fliers in the Soviet aggression against Finland, the "Basler Nachrichten" reports.

When the Finnish defences brought down a plane which had bombed and machine-gunned civilians—killing 20 women and children—the body of a woman was found among the members of the crew. — Havas.

## AMERICAN CREDIT FOR FINLAND?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTER, IN A BROADCAST TO THE UNITED STATES, REFERRED TO THE DIFFICULTIES FINLAND HAD IN HER PURCHASE OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS, OWING TO THE COUNTRY'S SMALL BUDGET.

It is understood that some American Senators are in favour of the United States granting credits to Finland and may submit such proposals shortly. — Havas.

## RUSSO-U.S. RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

OBSERVERS ARE WATCHING WITH INTEREST THE EVOLUTION OF U. S. S. R.-AMERICAN RELATIONS, POINTING OUT THAT THE MORAL EMBARGO ON WAR MATERIAL REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE MOST IMPORTANT CONSEQUENCES.

Last year, Russia purchased \$70,000,000 worth of American goods and recently acquired much war material.

In 1938, she bought from America 114,000 tons of aeroplane fuel and tried in vain to order war vessels from American dockyards. — Havas.

## SCORES OF JEWS EXECUTED

Kaunas, To-day.

Reports from Warsaw state that scores of Jews have been executed as the result of the discovery of the bodies of S. S. victims of guerillas. — Reuter.



A number of London schoolchildren, evacuated to Wiltshire, are having their lessons in the beautiful old Lacock Abbey (A. D. 1232). The little evacuees have their lessons in the Abbey, the crypt is used as a cloakroom and after classes they play in the cloisters. Miss M. T. Talbot, the owner of the abbey, is delighted with the little evacuees. Photo shows the children queuing up for their milk in the beautiful cloisters. (Copyright, Fox).



# FINLAND SETTLING DOWN TO GRIM DEFENCE

*Five Divisions Covering Civilian Exodus In North*

## 800 RED ARMY PRISONERS TAKEN

Helsinki, To-day.

**THE FLIGHT OF CIVILIANS** in Northern Finland is now being covered by five or six divisions which, according to an official statements, have recaptured Petsamo, and have taken 800 prisoners.

Military observers think the Finns may make a determined stand between Petsamo and Revanemi, the only main road in this region, which is easily blocked.

**The Finns hope to maintain resistance for a long time in the bewildering maze of forests and lakes of Northern Finland.**

Six Italian fighter planes are reported to have arrived in Finland yesterday. They are part of an order for 25 recently placed in Italy.

It is stated here that the Swedish steamer Brynnhilde which left Aabo for Sweden on Friday was machine-gunned by Soviet planes but there were no casualties among the passengers who included 12 French women and children.—Reuter.

### EVACUATION OF ALL TOWNS ORDERED

Berlin, To-day.

The Finnish Government have given orders for the evacuation of the civilian populations of all the principal towns throughout the country, according to a Helsinki telegram which adds that all schools will be closed.—Reuter.

### LADOGA SECTOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Fighting continues in the Karelian Isthmus, where Soviet losses were important.

North of Lake Ladoga, the Finns are retreating in accordance with the defence plan of the Finnish High Command.

Soviet troop movements are somewhat slow and several Soviet tanks have been captured.

The Government has requested the entire population of Helsinki to evacuate the capital by Monday night.—Havas.

### COUNTER-ATTACK IN LADOGA AREA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Latest reports of the fighting north of Lake Ladoga indicate that the Finns have not only maintained their positions, but have also counter-attacked, despite the desperate attacks of the Soviet troops.

All fighting has occurred only in "No Man's Land" and the Finnish defences are unshaken.

At Tulema, in south Karelia, a Soviet officer is reported to have shot two Soviet soldiers who refused to attack.—Havas.

## SOVIET AIR SQUADRON WIPED OUT

Amsterdam, To-day.

**The complete annihilation of a squadron of twelve Soviet bombers at Imatra is reported by the Helsinki correspondent of the "Telegraaf."**

He says that the planes were trying to bomb the huge electricity plant which serves the whole of South Finland.

Anti-aircraft guns, by which the works are surrounded, shot down eleven of the bombers, while the twelfth made a forced landing.—Reuter.

## INSTRUCTIVE MOSCOW CONFESSION

Moscow, To-day.

Having recovered from the first blow the Finns are "resisting more and more strongly," according to the Soviet official newspaper, "Pravda," which adds that the retreating enemy are leaving behind machine-guns and snipers concealed in bushes and crevices.

Railway bridges and empty houses all contain mines as well as snipers and one correspondent accuses the Finns of using poison gas.—Reuter.

## SWEDISH ENVOY AS MEDIARY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish radio declares that in a last effort to bring about a pacific solution, the new Finnish Government requested the Swedish Minister in Moscow, who is entrusted with Finnish interests in Russia, to make a plea to Moscow to resume negotiations on an honourable basis.

Foreign Commissar Molotov has made no reply to this proposal.—Havas.

## ON THE NAZI MODEL AGAIN

Helsinki, To-day.

The Soviet allegation that the Finns are using poison gas is denied in an official communique which adds that the General Staff, emphatically, has never even considered the use of poison gas.

The Government was ready to allow a neutral commission to make exhaustive enquiries.—Reuter.

## UNIONS SUPPORT M. RYTI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

A joint proclamation launched by the Finnish Social-Democratic Party and the Trade Unions states that the newly-formed Finnish Government (not to be confused with the Soviet puppet government) represents the popular will and is endeavouring to restore peace.

"Nevertheless, should the aggressors not heed our sincere wish for peace, there will be nothing left for the Finnish working class than to take up arms and fight brutal force in order to save the existence of the Finnish nation."—Havas.

## ENDEAVOUR TO FIND SOLUTION

London, To-day.

The Finnish news agency announces that the Cabinet decided on Sunday night to endeavour to obtain an amicable settlement with the Soviet if possible without violating the independence and vital interests of Finland.

Finland approached the Soviet Union through the Swedish Legation in Moscow, but so far no reply has been received.—Reuter.

## THE SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

It is announced by the Red Army that Soviet troops belonging to the Leningrad Military District are pursuing an advance, firstly, in the Murmansk sector, "where the Finns are retreating from the Petsamo area," secondly Soviet detachments which started an advance from Petrozavodsk "have penetrated 35 kilometres into Finnish territory," and thirdly, the Soviets have occupied the villages of Harmaatarpila, Lautsilta, Kirka and Klivennapa.

Bad weather, it says, prevents air force activity.—Havas.

## SOVIET'S AIMS IN FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

Government quarters here stress that the Soviet Union will accept no Finnish bourgeois government, while diplomats in Moscow point out that the Soviets had formed a "popular government" at Terijoki, which was evidence that the Soviets had settled Finland's fate.

Moscow, they said, thus takes revenge for the Communist defeat of 1918, and is determined to "liquidate" the Finnish state which has been constantly looked on with suspicion by Moscow as a centre for foreign anti-Soviet intrigues.

In the meantime, foreign observers were of the opinion that the Soviet aggression against Finland was mainly a problem for Germany, Norway and Sweden.

### RUSSIA'S AIM

Economically, Russia will benefit enormously, controlling rich Finnish copper mines with an annual output of 12,000 tons.

The Petsamo nickel mines, which belong to an Anglo-Canadian concern, possess nickel and copper deposits estimated at 5,000,000 tons, and also important molybden deposits.

It is unlikely that Russia will export these products to Germany, since she needs them herself.

### FINLAND'S RESOURCES

Finally, domination over Finland will enable Russia to control several thousand tons of shipping and Finland's fine sailors. Finnish timber exports are estimated at \$160,000,000, while the Bank of Finland's gold reserve is 602,000,000 Finnish marks.—Havas.

## GERMANY AND ATTACK ON FINLAND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

GERMAN PRESS COMMENT ON THE SOVIET INVASION OF FINLAND ADOPT THE LINE THAT THE FOREIGN POLICY OF RUSSIA IS NO CONCERN OF GERMANY, AS THE FINNISH QUESTION IS A MATTER OUTSIDE GERMANY'S DIRECT INTEREST.

The suggestion is made, of course, that Finland would have accepted the Russian demands but for British encouragement to the contrary.

Finland cannot, says one comment, look to Germany for help. If Finland desires to appeal to anyone, it should be to Britain, which has "set herself up as the protector of small States."—Reuter.

### "NO CHANGE IN GENERAL SITUATION"

London, To-day.

A Finnish Army communique broadcast over the Finnish radio says that there is no change in the general military situation.—Reuter.



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An admission of defeat is contained in Japanese official appeals to the people to be prepared for a five or ten-year struggle before the China affair is "settled completely." The vagueness of the promise of ending the war, the use of such widely varying terms as "five or ten years," suggests that the official plans are confused. Such a term as "five or ten years" can be understood to have only one meaning: that the end is not in sight and therefore it is necessary to plan to carry on indefinitely.

When the invading Japanese armies marched into China the assumption behind their marching was that they would wind up their job in quick order. The bombing of Shanghai was planned as the opening drive in a sweeping campaign with the early collapse of China the goal. Then the sacking of Nanking and the taking of Hankow were looked upon as turning points bringing complete victory near—much nearer than is suggested now by official appeals to the Japanese people to support a five or ten-year war.

Unless Japan can begin to collect dividends from the occupation of China a ten-year war is out of the question. The economic and industrial reserves of the Japanese empire are not sufficient to support a ten-year war, or anything approaching that. One of the several reasons the war is dragging so now is the lack of behind-the-line resources to keep it going at the pace at which it started.—"Manila Bulletin."

**THE GALLUP POLL**

But above all, why put the United States in the position of seeing no difference between the victims and the beneficiaries of aggression? Why ask Americans who have urged Britain and France to stand up for small nations to make it harder for them now that they are risking all in such a stand? Why say that the British Government has been the best friend of Nazism because it went the second mile with Germany to prevent war? Why not recognize that to-day the British people—and Government—are fighting Nazism? And why pretend America is not concerned? Happily the Gallup poll shows that the American people know better.—S. R. Davis.

dynamic forces with static conditions. But first of all it was necessary to clear away the miasma of misunderstanding which has enveloped American-Japanese relations as a result of official disingenuousness in Tokyo.—"Christian Science Monitor."

**MOSCOW'S \* \* \*  
PATH OF  
PEACE**

M. Molotoff, the Soviet Premier and Foreign Commissar, is, however, unwittingly, a first-rate humorist. His review of the international situation in Moscow is full of those startling paradoxes in which Mr. Bernard Shaw has hitherto been regarded as the past-master. For instance, he upbraids this country and France in good round terms for seeking to extend their influence in order to escape from the bankruptcy of the capitalist world. He then contrasts "this imperialist policy" with "the policy of peace" of the Soviet Union; and at once claims as one of the greater triumphs of that policy of peace the annexation of Eastern Poland. It must be admitted that imperialism and capitalism have nothing to show comparable with that example of what M. Molotoff calls "proletarian internationalism"; but the achievement is not a very edifying example of "the policy of peace," so called.

In the midst of this bewildering interpretation of events and distortion of values, designed to distract attention from reality, M. Molotoff contributes one emphatic and understandable declaration. It is that, in spite of all the ambitions and manoeuvrings of the capitalistic Powers, the Soviet Union will remain neutral and will resist all efforts to drag it into war. That is an assurance which may not please Germany very greatly; but what is thought of it in Finland, whither "proletarian internationalism" has so disastrously appeared.—"Daily Telegraph."

**GREW DEMARCHE**

It is one of the problems facing democratic countries to restore that intercommunication between peoples which has been written down by dictatorships. This is one of the services rendered by Ambassador Grew. Knowing the delusions entertained by the Japanese people, knowing also the opinions held by the American people, he played the role of honest broker. It was plain language with a purpose. No friendship is possible without understanding, and the basis of any new approach to change in Japanese-American relations must be a knowledge in Japan of what Americans think about the China adventure.

The Grew demarche is thus not an end in itself. Out of it may come a realisation in Japan that the reticence which the European war and the neutrality debate has imposed upon the State Department must not be confused with a willingness to accept a new status in the Far East imposed by Japanese arms. War-making in Europe, indeed, requires that a sharper American eye than ever be kept on the Pacific. This doesn't mean that the United States wishes to challenge Japan. It wishes to come to terms with Japan. The opportunity presents itself in the negotiation of a new commercial agreement to replace the one that the United States has denounced. This should be an all-in agreement of the kind to set an example of adjustment of difficulties which have been created by the clash of dy-

**NEW ORDER**

It has been made clear that Japan objects to any interference by third Powers with her plan for establishing "a new order in East Asia." She complains that her motives in China are misunderstood. It is not her intention to take advantage of Britain and France being engrossed in the European war and to wrest unreasonable concessions from China or to force irrational demands on the Western Powers. All she asks is to be left alone in achieving the projected new order or to be offered the co-operation of other countries in thus laying the foundations of a lasting peace in the Far East. The new order she has in view has been defined as "a relationship of mutual aid and co-ordination in political, economic and cultural fields among Japan, Manchukuo and China." With this object, Japan seeks world recognition of the importance of liberating China "from the bonds of a semi-colonial status." Unfortunately the Chiang Kai-shek regime and those who sympathise with it are convinced that this "liberation" is another term for the Japanese domination of China. Meanwhile, Japan pursues a foreign policy notable for its free and independent character, uninfluenced by the audibly cracking Axis in Europe.—"Ceylon Observer."



## AN AMERICAN COMMENTATOR EXPLAINS THIS

# WAR TO SAVE GERMANY FOR WESTERN CIVILISATION AGAINST HER OWN LEADERSHIP

WHEN GEORGE BERNARD SHAW taunts the British Government for having been unwilling to bomb Berlin on behalf of Poland, he presents a dilemma but contributes nothing to its solution.

It is not only the fear of reprisals that restrains the hands of the French and the British from a horror war. The same thing restrains them that prevented any pact with Russia which would give the Russian Army carte blanche to march into Europe.

Every military consideration favoured acceptance of the Russian terms by the Allies. But more than military considerations are at stake. For the object of this war is not to destroy Germany—which, with the aid of Russia, might not have been difficult—but to save Germany for Western civilisation against her own leadership.

This war, which Mr. Ford called a "phony" war, that perplexes so many minds, some of them in our Congress, is not perplexing at all to the average French pollu or to the simplest Englishman.

## FIGHTING WITH INHIBITIONS

He knows that this is not a war to maintain the status quo of Versailles or British imperialism. If it was he would not fight it.

He knows that this is the great European civil war, the object of which is to determine what sort of Europe he is going to live in.

It is the war of the European spirit against an alien spirit. And because it is this sort of war the Allies fight it with profound inhibitions and fight it only because all means of communication between the rest of Europe and Germany have been closed for years by Adolf Hitler. This is the tragedy of this most tragic war—that communication among peoples has been suspended by the leaders of Germany. This is the reason for the seemingly futile bombing with pamphlets in a heartbreaking attempt at communication of Europeans with one another.

In 1933 Germany seceded from Western civilisation. In 1939, with complete consequentiality, Germany opened Europe to Asia.

This war is a civil war to force Germany back into Western civilisation and then reorganise and strengthen that civilisation by co-operative effort, letting bygones be bygones. Like our own Civil War, it is a war to enforce unity.

## PRELIMINARY TO PEACE

The peace terms cannot be written, because the peace terms cannot be dictated. They must be created, together, as a peace for a new and united Europe. In order to make that peace one must have Germany back in the body of Western civilisation.

This war is a fight for the living body of Germany.

What is Western civilisation? It is not democracy, not parliamentary government and certainly not capitalism. All of these are merely manifestations of something else—temporary forms to express a more permanent content.

Western civilisation is, nevertheless, definable. It is the synthesis of three things: the Christian ethic; the scientific spirit; and the rule of law.

The essence of the Christian ethic is that the weak have rights as well as the strong, and that the strong must set limitations upon their own power.

The essence of the scientific spirit is that the search for truth transcends the State and may not be limited or

suppressed by the State. It presumes the separation of State and culture—i.e., the separation of culture from force.

The essence of the rule of law is that contract is superior to arbitrary force; it presumes a continuity of relationships, constantly being modified but of universal application at each moment, and from whose sovereignty no one is exempt, not the King, not the President, not the powerful, not the weak.

## STANDARDS OF THE WEST

These are the standards of Western civilisation, and it is no answer to say that the Christian ethic is not practised, that science and literature are corrupted, or that the law is made by the powerful in their own interests and evaded when it is not. The perennial struggle of Western civilisation, the continual revolution in Western civilisation, is to achieve a more Christian, more scientific and juster society.

That adultery flourishes is no argument for the abolition of marriage. That capitalism has abused the institution of property is no argument against private property; that Western civilisation is always fluid, never static, and in constant change and reform is an argument in its favour and a sign of the organic life that is in it.

This trinity of concepts is unique to the West. Russia, Asia and Africa have never produced a society which is a synthesis of the Christian ethic, free science and the rule of law. The Mahomedan world does not know it. China, Japan and India do not know it. They know other things, but not these things.

## "WE BELONG TOGETHER"

The synthesis is the unique contribution of Europe, and only those areas of the earth settled, colonised, ruled and lived in by Europeans or the children of Europeans—the America, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa—belong to Western civilisation.

These countries are ruled by one kind of spirit, the Western spirit, and inhabited by one kind of man, the Western man. We belong together. We have one God, one universality, one science, one ethic, a common literature and a common concept of law.

It is the world's greatest and most creative civilisation, although it has not the most numerous population by any means. It has produced almost the whole of modern science and technology; it has made the greatest conquests of nature; it has liberated the human mind as it has never been liberated; it has created the most secure societies in all history; it has produced the highest standard of liv-

ing—material and cultural—that mankind has ever known.

It is the only thing worth fighting for, worth dying for.

Against this unity Germany rebelled—for a thousand reasons, for which the whole civilisation bears the guilt. But into that unity Germany must return.

For the gifts and power and genius of Germany are essential to that civilisation. The West cannot live without her.

## GERMANY'S SECESSION

Long before the politicians woke up to the realisation of the tragedy of the German secession—while the politicians were refusing to believe in the secession—the scholars, scientists, poets, artists, religious leaders and philosophers of law were aware—aware and dismayed.

The persecution of the Jews was not a crisis of Jewry. It was a crisis of Christianity, a declaration of war against the Christian ethic. The first to see its profound threat to one of the three pillars of Western civilisation were German pastors and priests.

The universities of the West took up arms against Nazism before the States did—by a spontaneous and immediate realisation that another pillar was tottering.

And the learned law journals were awake while France and Britain slept.

The Allies did not bomb German cities because they are cities of Western civilisation. This tragic war is being waged by men who loved Germany. Is it not significant that the French Propaganda Ministry should be headed by Jean Giraudoux, the French writer who has used his pen most powerfully in behalf of the German cause in a moving effort to bring about the spiritual unity of Germany and France?

Is it not significant that everywhere in the world the enemies of Nazism are the friends of Germany? Find the journalists, the writers, the scientists, the economists who first took up their pens against the Versailles sys-

## NAZI RADIO TOLD TRUTH--IN ERROR

Truth came over the German radio yesterday and enraged all good Nazis. An announcer had been careless enough not to rehearse the broadcast.

He was interviewing children in a German village in southern Poland. This is what listeners to the Warsaw station heard.

Announcer: Do you know that your fore-fathers came here from Germany? Child: No.

Announcer: But they did. Why did they come? Child: I don't know.

Announcer: Be a clever boy. Was it a journey for pleasure? They were asked to come by the Polish kings to improve Polish agriculture. Isn't that so? Child: I don't know.

Announcer: Do any of you children know an old German song. Children in chorus: I don't know.

The announcer will probably be sacked and sent to a concentration camp for his carelessness.

tem and you will find the enemies of Nazism.

## "COME BACK TO US"

For these were the men who most passionately cared for the unity of the West, who regarded the post-war situation as an affront against the West, who warned that rebellion was brewing in Germany against the West.

No, it is not a "phony" war. It is a terribly real war, in which the weapons are taken up reluctantly by men in whose hearts are fury and love; a war not to divide but reunite; a war that could better be waged and better be settled with words, but cannot be because communication is outlawed by the seceders.

The cry of Europe to Germany is, "Come back to us, be one of us, work with us for a new Europe. Come back, come back, come home!"

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**FINLAND'S  
REPLY TO  
ROOSEVELT**

Washington, To-day.  
Replying to President Roosevelt's request to the U.S.S.R. and to Finland to avoid resorting to "inhuman barbarism," the Finnish Government has now stated that the civilian populations of unfortified towns will not be bombed provided the U.S.S.R. scrupulously observes the same rules.

According to the State Department, no reply has yet been received from Moscow, although M. Molotov made an oral statement to the Ambassador when the American request was presented.—Reuter.

**JAIL FOR  
YOUTH**

"You are starting your criminal career early," said Mr. E. Himsworth this morning to a 16-year-old lad, imposing sentence of two months' hard labour and 10 strokes, for snatching a handbag, from Miss E. Liu, of Prince Edward Road, on Saturday.

Inspector T. K. Whelan, prosecuting, said the lad snatched the bag while Miss Liu was waiting for a bus.

Mr. T. Tweedie, of Waterloo Road, chased and caught him.

**WATUSSI  
RESCUES**

Capetown, To-day.

One hundred and fifty-five members of the crew and 43 passengers, including 14 women and two children, from the German liner Watussi, which was scuttled on Saturday, have been landed safely. There was no loss of life.—Reuter.

**CRUSHED BY  
FERRY**

Ho Hong-yiu, 15, who was yesterday admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, with a fractured shoulder, was injured when he attempted to jump from the Yaumati Ferry launch "Man Tack" yesterday.

He was crushed between the launch and the wharf. He is in a serious condition.

**APPEAL IN MEXICO  
REJECTED**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Mexico City, To-day.

By three votes to two, the Supreme Court has rejected the appeal of the foreign oil companies against the expropriation decree.—Havas.

**FLOCKING  
TO AID  
OF FINLAND**

London, To-day.

Swedes and Danes anxious to fight for Finland are flocking to the Legations at Stockholm and Copenhagen, according to Finnish circles in London.

These same circles emphasize that the Finnish Government agreed to two-thirds of the Soviet demands; the remaining one-third involves the loss of the country's independence.

It is also emphasized that the "Kuissinen Government" represents no party in Finland and is composed of fugitives from Finland after the Great War.—Reuter.

**TOO BRAVE—  
SO REGIMENT  
IS REBUKED**

A French regiment has been publicly reprimanded for being too brave and taking too many risks!

True, the regiment—Chasseurs—was honoured at the same time. It was one of the first to set foot on German soil when the French pushed forward into the Saar territory, and it bore the brunt of the fighting in this sector, losing a considerable number of men.

As all its men could not be decorated for valour it has been cited in Army Orders. But in reading the citation their General said:

"In many cases you have been too courageous. You have taken too many risks. Unnecessary risks must no longer be taken, as the regiment and men in it are too valuable to the French Army to be wiped out in the course of military tasks that were not vitally necessary."

**ANTI-SOVIET  
SCENES IN  
ROME**

Rome, To-day.

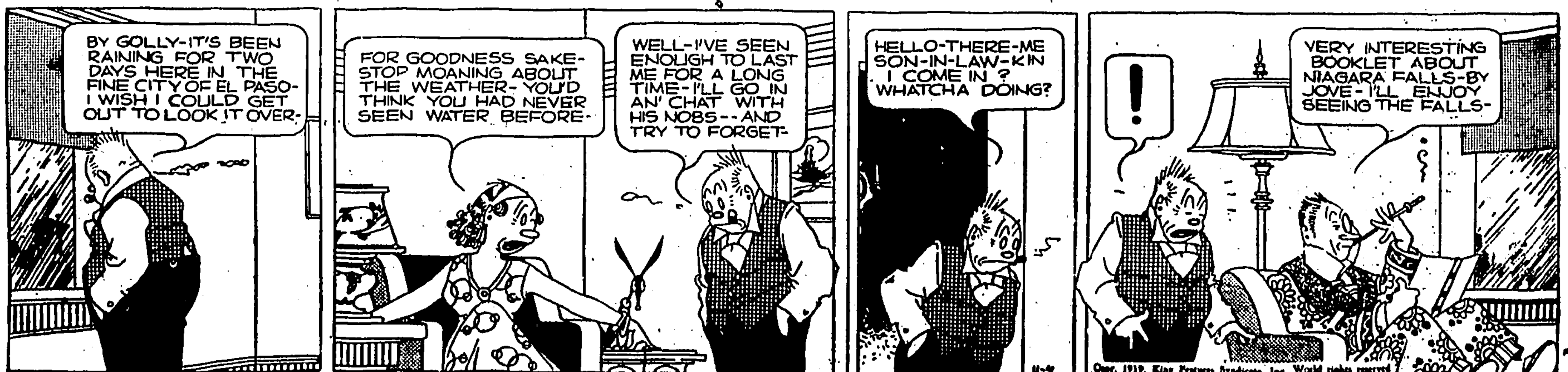
A big anti-Soviet demonstration occurred yesterday outside the Russian Embassy.

Official circles minimise the importance of the incident, and in an official statement put it down as "merely a student demonstration without significance."

It is denied that there will be any delay in presentation of the credentials of the new Soviet Ambassador to Rome.—Reuter.

**Bringing Up Father**

**By George McManus**







Armistic Day in France, 1939, amid the graves which are a tragic reminder of Armistice 1918. (Copyright, Fox).

#### BRITISH NEWSMAN'S ESCAPE

## SAVED FROM THE GERMANS BY A DUTCH WOMAN

FROM RALPH IZZARD

Venlo (German-Dutch frontier). Surrounded by German soldiers in a Dutch inn standing in a lonely stretch of No-Man's-Land between Holland and Germany, I have just had as narrow an escape from capture, and possibly death, as any writer of thriller stories could picture.

I owe my safety to the presence of mind of a Dutch servant-girl, who casually answered the question of the officer in command of a search party with the remark, "Oh! There's only two Americans inside."

My companion, Mr. McGroarty, of the United Press, and I approached the inn in a Dutch taxi, twisting and bumping along narrow tracks between tiled fields and allotments, the main roads now being blocked by heavy cement barricades.

We struck the main road again at the Dutch outpost about half a mile from the frontier. Arriving at the frontier station, we found the small Dutch Customs office on the right-hand side of the road. Slightly beyond it to the left stands the inn and the German Customs house, from which the frontier barrier juts across the road.

The inn, although legally Dutch, actually stands in No-Man's-Land.

Our car drew up outside the inn, and I ordered the driver to turn it round at once.

We were drinking our beer when I glanced out of the window towards Germany. To my dismay, the frontier barrier was slowly lifting, and from underneath it appeared the bulky bonnet of a German Army lorry.

From the vehicle jumped a number of soldiers and one officer. They were joined by other soldiers from behind the customs house. I saw the officer give instructions to his men and they filed into the building and started removing property, which they piled on the lorry.

#### SAW OUR CAR

At this point the officer, who was wearing silver-braided dressing uniform, and not war kit, noticed our

car.

At once the scene changed. The officer curtly summoned a number of men, and a party was detailed off to surround the inn. With an escort of three, the officer approached the inn door, where a girl was scrubbing the steps. To his inquiry, she answered, "Oh, there's only two Americans inside."

By this time, being a British citizen and a marked man as a public critic of the Nazi regime, my one thought was escape. I passed through the door behind the counter to find myself in a narrow passage which proved a blind alley.

The one door off the passage opened to the men's cloakroom, and I was in two minds whether to destroy my British passport and attempt to bluff out the situation as an American or to risk capture and to retain my passport.

I kept the passport. I again went to the saloon door, and through it I overheard the parley at the front-door which the hostess, by now hysterical, had joined.

McGroarty, with a valid American passport, had less to fear, and he dodged back and forth between the passage and the saloon. Apparently the two women had disconcerted the officer, for he suddenly turned abruptly on his heel, and calling off his men with a command that went from mouth to mouth round the house, he returned to the business of filling the lorry.

A son of the house then let McGroarty and myself out through back-door, and we passed round the far side of the building to the car.

#### THEFT OF AN ARMY COOKING POT

Found guilty of the theft of an aluminium cooking pot, the property of the Military Authorities, Chan Tak, 25, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning.

Defendant took the pot from the guard room at the old magazine, in Queen's Road East, on Saturday night.

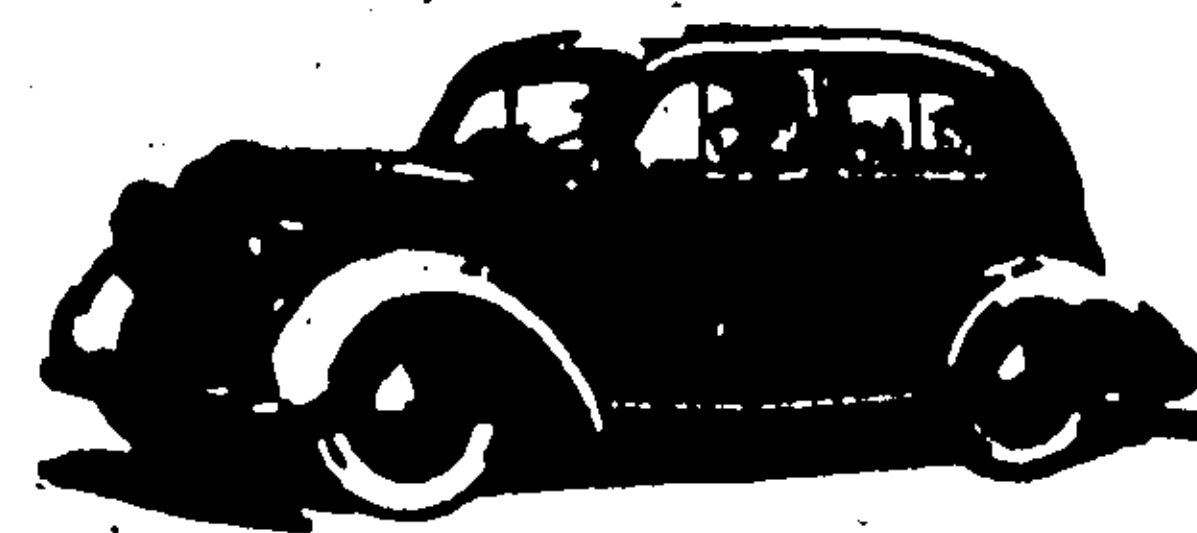
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## AND 1,900 CAME BACK

London, Nov., 19. In the first few days of the war nearly 2,000 prisoners in British gaols were set free.

They were men who had three months or less to serve. Some of them had only been sent to prison in the week before the war.

Their release was ordered primarily to ease the strain on accommodation in prisons outside the danger areas to which long-term men were being taken.

By yesterday, according to the

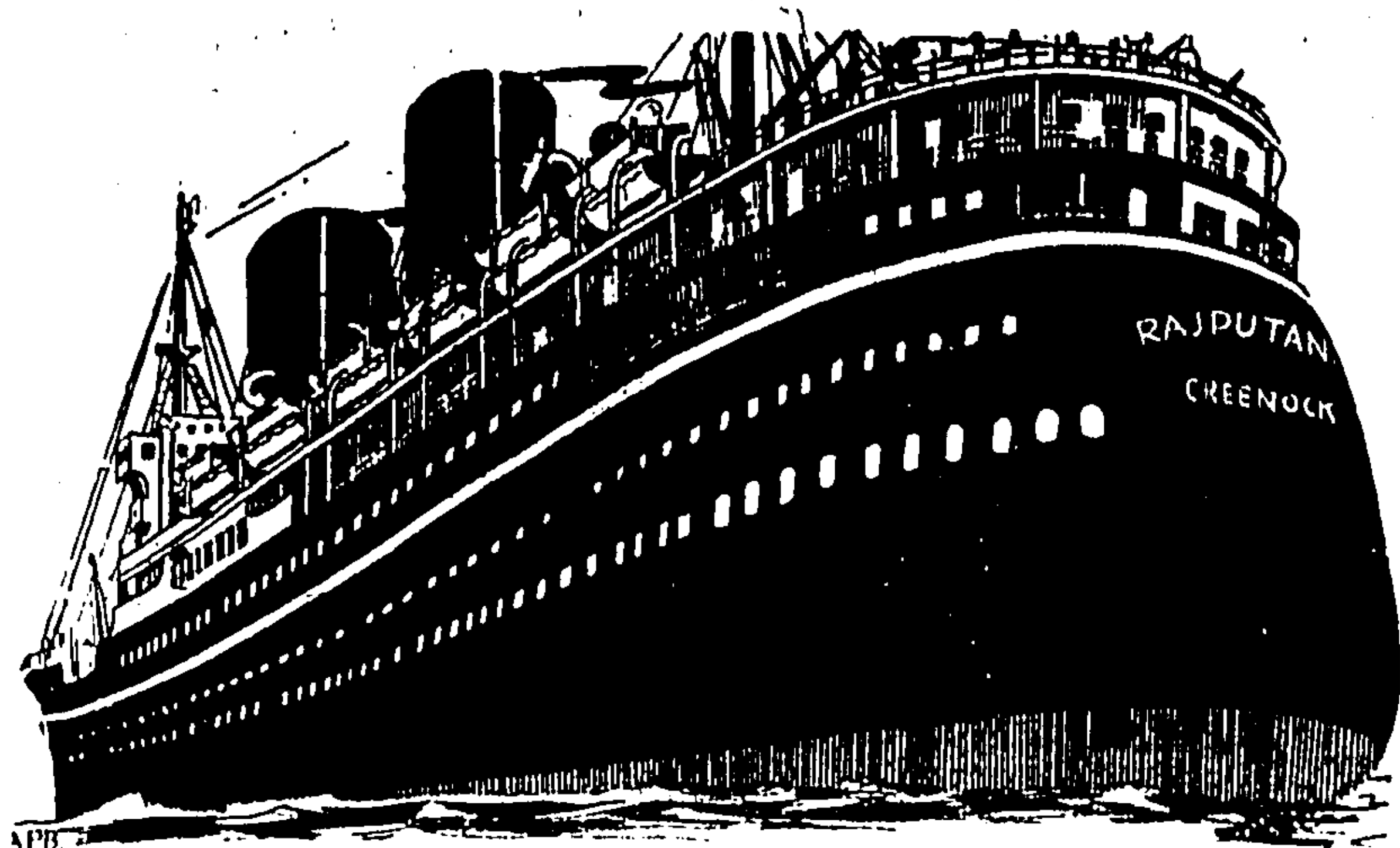
## MALAYS IN COURT

Two Malay seamen from the m.v. Ruys, Saing, 22, and Badoran, 21, were remanded by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning when charged with possession of arms.

They were arrested by Det.-Sgt. J. Johnston in Temple Street yesterday morning with two daggers in their possession.

Criminal Record Office of Scotland Yard, 1,900, or 95 per cent., of the men who had been released were back in prison or awaiting trial for new offences.





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Amoy	December 4.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 25th November	December 5.
Haiphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard	December 5.
Japan	December 5.
Shanghai	December 5.
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Fort Bayard		Dec. 4, 1.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Straits	Mon.,	Dec. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Canton		Dec. 4, 7.00 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
Batavia and Sourabaya	Tues.,	Dec. 5, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow	Tues.,	Dec. 5, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Tues.,	Dec. 5, 2.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa	Tues.,	Dec. 5, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi, 28th December.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Tues., Dec. 5, 2.45 p.m.
	Ord.,	Tues., Dec. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 13th December.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Tues., Dec. 5, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Tues., Dec. 5, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Tues., Dec. 5, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Tues., Dec. 5, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 11th Dec.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Tues., Dec. 5, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Tues., Dec. 5, 3.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Tues., Dec. 5, 5.00 p.m.
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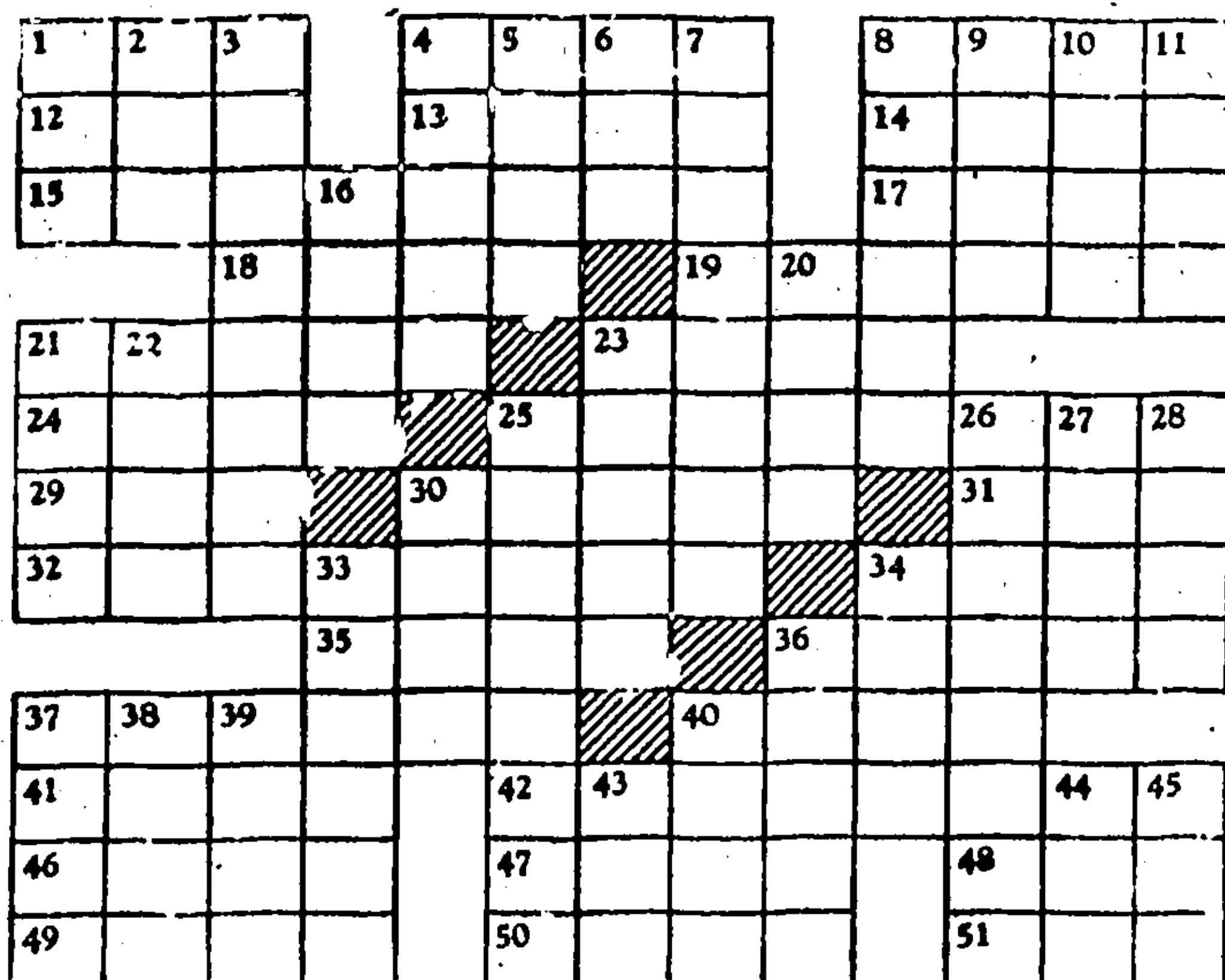
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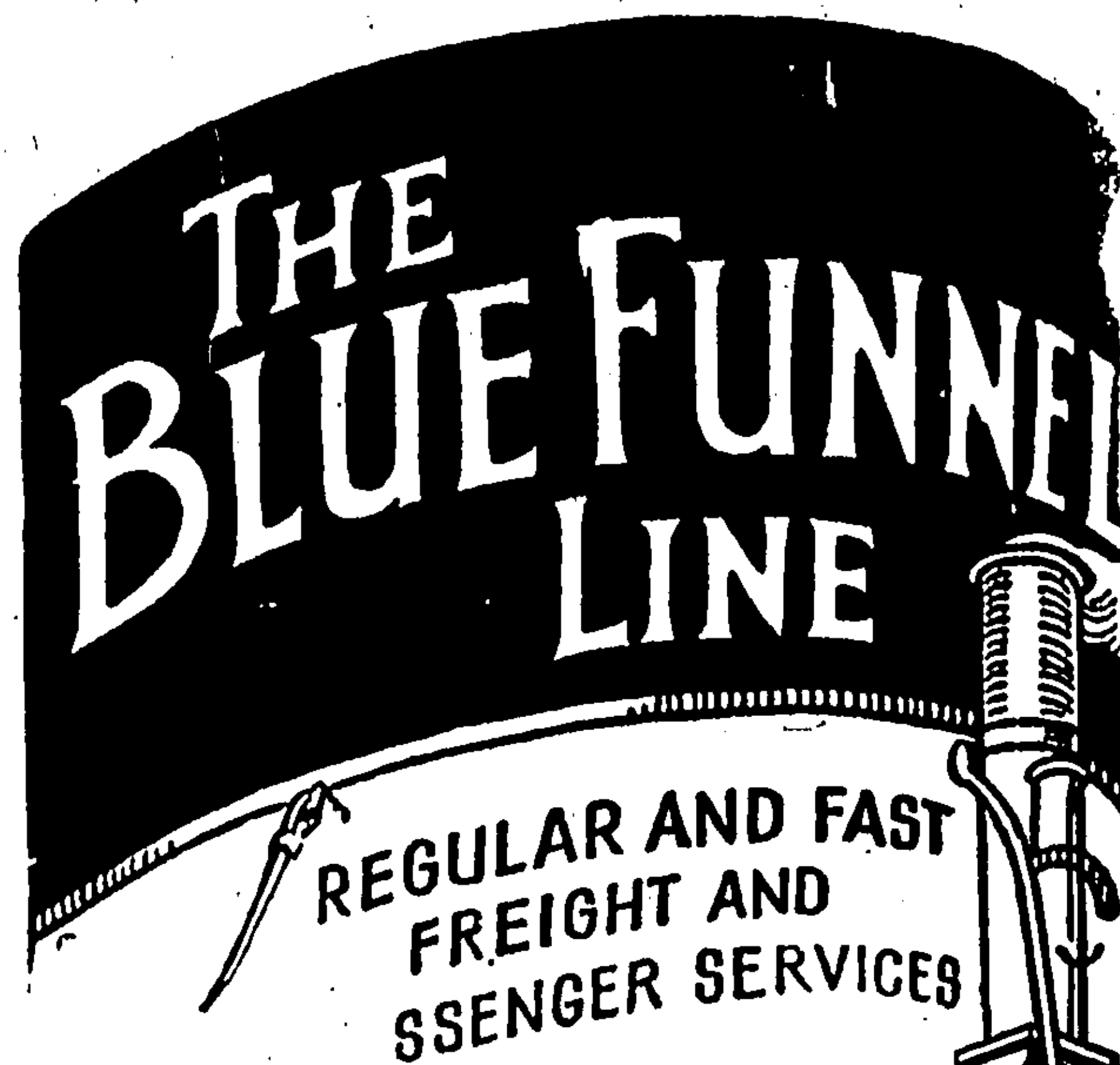
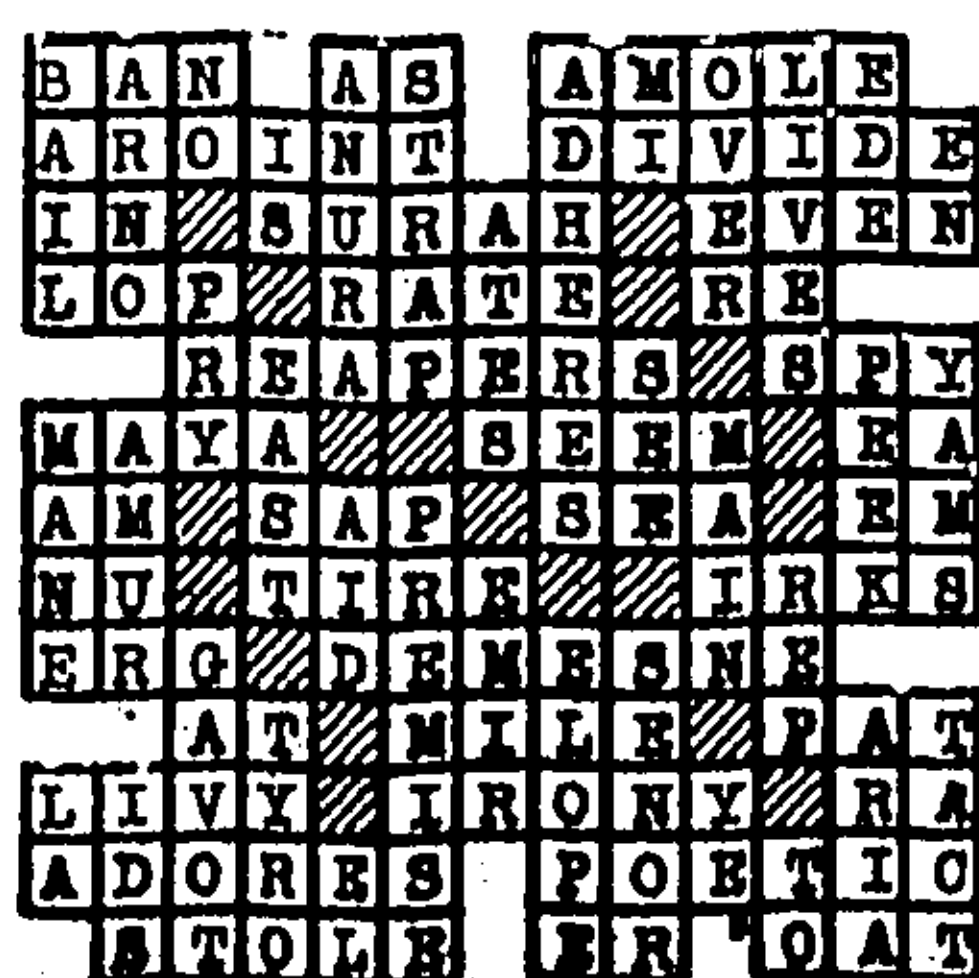
#### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Algonquin Indian
- 4 Pretend
- 8 Fellow (coll.)
- 12 Man's name
- 13 Musical instrument
- 14 To sharpen
- 15 Iterated
- 17 Cooking chamber
- 18 Converts into leather
- 19 Small islands
- 21 Separated
- 23 Partner
- 24 Shore bird
- 25 Modest
- 29 Hostelry
- 30 First Pope
- 31 Female ruff
- 32 Abandoned
- 34 Apothecaries' weight
- 35 Cow's cries
- 36 Coarse meal
- 37 Become visible
- 40 Thicken into a mass
- 41 Average

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Title of respect
- 2 Land measure
- 3 Army officer (pl.)
- 4 Slope
- 5 Hovels
- 6 Goddess of mischief
- 7 Formed a connecting link
- 8 Anger
- 9 Hoisted with effort
- 10 Dillseed
- 11 Sties
- 16 Nobleman
- 20 Stimulate
- 21 Dry
- 22 Sheet of glass
- 23 Apportions
- 25 Responded
- 26 Exasperate
- 27 Trim
- 28 Precious stones
- 30 Malay canoe
- 33 Alters
- 34 Let fall
- 36 Collect piece by piece
- 37 Pulpit
- 38 A fruit
- 39 Disjoin
- 40 Muse of history
- 43 Jewish high priest
- 44 Make edging
- 45 Shade

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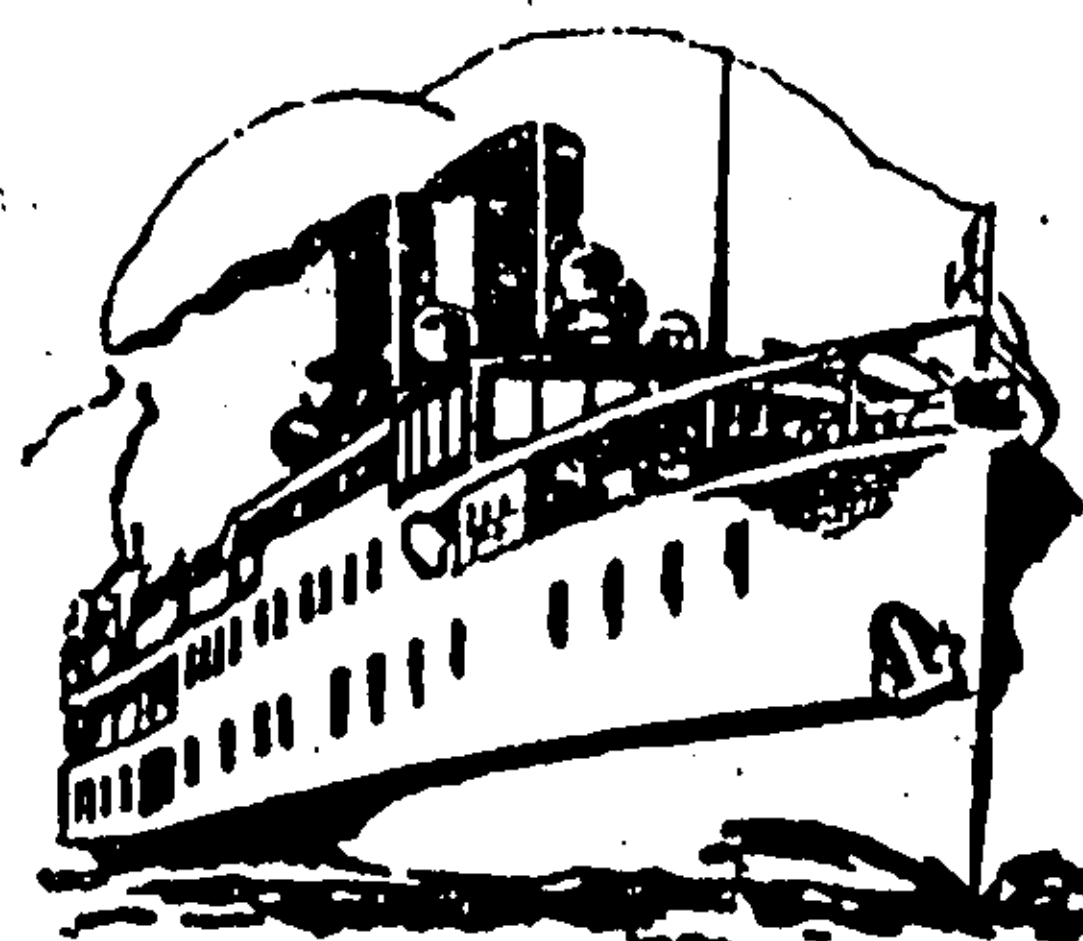
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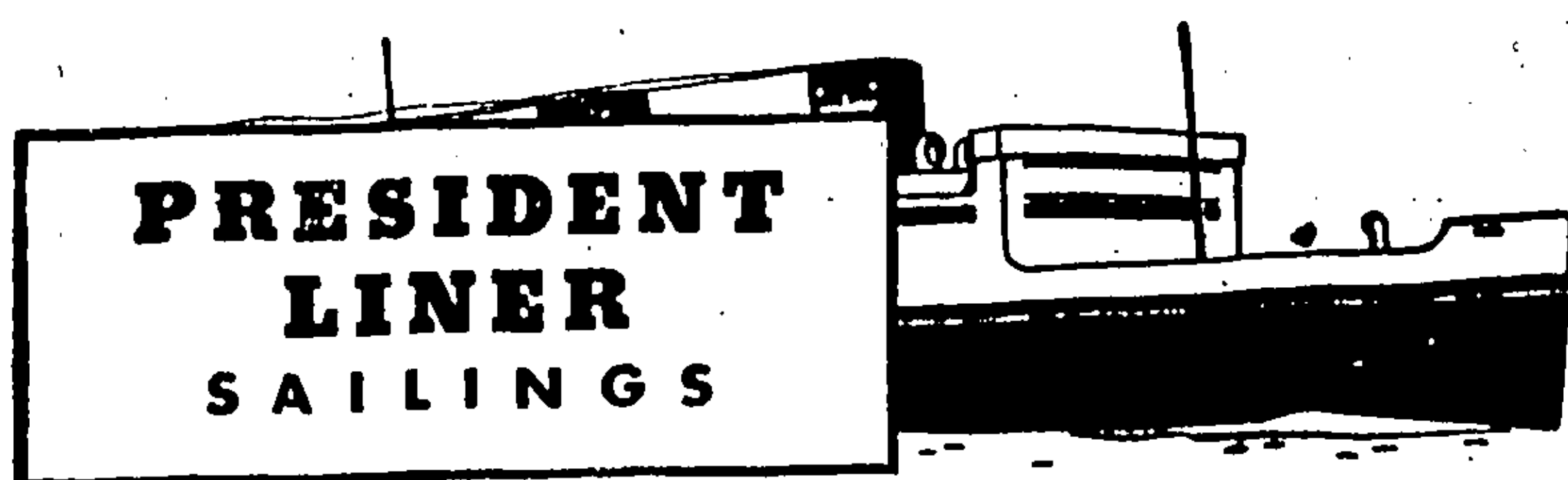
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Bank of East Asia \$71 b.

### INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$200 b.  
H.K. Fire Ins. \$190 s.

### SHIPPING

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H.K. Steamboats \$12 s.  
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,  
ETC.

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Raubs \$10 s.

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H.K. Realities \$4.35 b., \$4.55 s.  
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H.K. Tramways \$16 b., \$16 sa.  
Peak Trams (Old) \$7.60 b.  
Peak Trams (New) \$3.80 b.  
Star Ferries \$63¼ b.  
Yaumati Ferries \$23 b.  
China Lights (Old) \$7.70 b., \$7.80 sa.

China Lights (New) \$4.70 sa.  
H.K. Electrics \$51¼ b.

Telephones (Old) \$22½ b.  
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### INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$15 b.  
H.K. Ropes \$5.10 b., \$5.10 sa.

### STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms (Old) \$19¼ b.  
Dairy Farms (New) \$19 b.  
Watsons \$8.20 b., \$8½ s., \$8.15 sa.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6.20 b.  
Constructions (Old) \$1.70 b.  
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan \$97 sa.

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Coco Grove Ps. .18 sa.  
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Mambulao Ps. .02½ sa.  
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Mine Operation Ps. .09 b.  
North Camarines Ps. .17½ sa.  
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .20 sa.  
San Mauricio Ps. .84 b.  
Surigao Consol. Ps. .16½ b.  
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .13½ sa.  
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .018 b.  
United Paracales Ps. .29 sa.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$3.90-1/4.



Nura Kanis, who is taking part in a recital at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday night.

### TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

## DRAW MADE

Following are the draws for the Colony women's singles and doubles championships made at the U.S.R.C. yesterday:—

Singles. — Miss K. Reeve v. Mrs. Tracey; Mrs. Marriot v. Mrs. N. W. Smeby; Miss M. Griffiths v. Mrs. Litton; Mrs. Hutchinson v. Miss R. Rumjahn.

Byes into the second round. — Mrs. Chui v. Miss Greig; Mrs. Hyde v. Miss M. Stokes.

The first round to be played by December 10.

Doubles. — Mrs. Tracey and Mrs. Webb v. Mrs. Burnett and Miss Bradbury; Miss Griffiths and Mrs. Chui v. Miss Dodwell and Miss Pritchard; Mrs. Whitham and Mrs. Marriot v. Mrs. Smeby and Mrs. Kevan; Mrs. Labe and Mrs. Churchill v. Miss Harker and Miss Stokes.

Byes into the second round. — Miss Greig and Miss Marr v. Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Knight; Mrs. Andrews and Miss Tylor v. Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Litton.

The first round to be played by December 10.

### R.H.K.G.C. RESULTS

Following are the results of the first and second rounds of the championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club played yesterday:

1st round.—D. J. Gilmore beat A. K. Mackenzie by two holes; D. S. Edward beat D. S. Robb 2/1; T. A. Pearce beat G. C. Wonall, one hole; J. T. Hunter beat A. MacKellar 3/1; Col. Rose beat G. M. Park at 20th hole; I. W. W. Shewan beat L. R. Andrewes one hole; Surg. Commr. Nicholson beat R. Young 2/1, 2nd round.—Gilmore beat Edward 2/1; Smith beat Pearce 3/2; Hunter beat Rose 3/1; Shewan beat Nicholson 6/5.

### TO-MORROW'S RUGBY

Following will represent the Navy "A" fifteen against R.A.M.C. on the Causeway Bay ground to-morrow. Kick-off 4 p.m.:—Lieutenant Mills (Blideford); Surg.-Lieutenant Corcoran (Tamar); Flight Lieutenant Wright (R.A.F.); Stoker Lord (Scout) and Mne. Jeffries (Scutters); Stoker Gallagher (Scout) and Tel. Hall (M.T.B.'s); Cpl. Maron (Tamar), Ldg. Wtr. Barlow (Tamar), S. B. A. Davis (Tamar), A. B. Jeffrey (Thracian), L. S. Jones (Cicala), A. B. Nike (Cicala) and A. N. Other, Ldg. Sea. Spirit (M.T.B.'s).

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By order of the Board,

W. A. STEWART,  
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Hong Kong, 4th Dec., 1939.



## TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

THE CASE OF  
BARBARA  
FRIETCHIE

By VINCENT TOWNE

"Up rose old Barbara Frietchie, then,  
Bowed with her four-score years  
and ten;

Bravest of all in Frederick town,  
She took up the flag the men  
hailed down."

So runs Whittier's ballad, according to whose lines this ancient dame of Frederick, Md., set the Union flag in her window sill in defiance of the army of Stonewall Jackson, who after having it shot down threatened with a dog's death anyone of his soldiers who would dare to touch a hair of the loyal old lady's "gray head."

Although every American school-boy of a generation ago believed in Barbara Frietchie as implicitly as he believed in George Washington, several authorities now aver that while such a person did really exist at Frederick town during the Civil War, tradition gave to her—as it did to Betsy Ross—honour and glory that she did not deserve. And as a result of this challenge a spirited controversy was waged by the press.

Perhaps the most prolific fiction writer of the last century was Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, whose picturesque Georgetown cottage overhung the north bank of the Potomac. Having, 'tis said, heard of Dame Barbara's exploits from a relative of the latter, Mrs. Southworth's vivid imagination saw in it probabilities of a thrilling story and she passed it along to Whittier in a letter.

Research proves that one Barbara Hauer, daughter of a German immigrant to Pennsylvania, was born in Lancaster, Pa., December 3, 1766, and later moved with her family to Frederick. On May 6, 1806, when nearly 40 years old, she married John Caspar Frietchie, 14 years her junior, the son of a Tory who had by the laws of Maryland, been "hung, drawn and quartered."

Barbara Frietchie, not having any children of her own, reared her brother-in-law and sister-in-law. Her husband, after serving as a prosperous glovemaking, died November 10, 1849, when he was in his 70th year and his widow in her 84th year. She survived him 13 years, dying on December 18, 1862, aged 96. The alleged flag episode had occurred only three months previously.

According to her obituary, published in a Frederick paper at the time of her funeral, the real Barbara Frietchie had moved to that town when a child and had remembered the signing of the Declaration of Independence as well as the scenes of the Revolution and the War of 1812.



She Took Up The Flag The Men Hailed Down.

"To one thus strangely identified with the origin and growth of the Republic, loyalty necessarily became a deep-seated sentiment," this obituary went on to relate, "and when the Rebels were expelled from this city on the memorable 12th of September, this venerable lady, as a last act of devotion, stood at her front door and waved the glorious Star-Spangled Banner in token of welcome to our deliverers."

In the opinion of some authorities, this was the real basis for the story of her taking up the flag that Jackson had ordered shot down from her window.

According to one Engelbrecht, a Unionist, who became Mayor of Frederick, the incident described by the Quaker poet never took place. He lived directly across the street from the Frietchie cottage and from his window saw Jackson's army pass. There is also a published denial of the story by Samuel Tyler, a lawyer, who wrote

the biography of Justice Taney. Various other authors have published denials based upon information alleged to have been obtained from Barbara Frietchie's family and neighbours.

An unnamed member of Jackson's staff, residing at Hagerstown, has been quoted as repudiating the alleged circumstance.

According to one participant in the controversy, the real heroine of Frederick's flag incident was a Mrs. Quantrell, who later lived in Washington. The widow of "Stonewall" Jackson, in her memoirs of the general, denies that there was any foundation for the ballad.

Before his death Whittier, referring to the controversy that his poem had caused, stated that he much regretted having written it, as he had come to doubt the story. It was, he averred, the only story of his for whose truth he could not vouch.

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LONDON GANG LEADER  
KILLED, DUMPED

GANG CHIEFTAIN "CHICK" Lawrence, 37-years-old leader of one of the half-dozen "razor squads" battling for mastery of London's East End underworld, is dead—killed in a fight with a rival gang.

Greed for control of "protection" rackets, by which these gangs have built up a system of terrorism and extortion in certain districts, is at the root of the rivalry which has now flared into open war.

"Chick," whose real name was Charles Edgar Lawrence, of Westgate-street, Hackney, was found early one morning with his skull broken in a courtyard off Flower and Dean-street, Spitalfields, E.

Police, rushing to the courtyard during the night to help a woman who was attacked and beaten about the head, must have passed close to his body.

It was found a few hours later by a baker, Barnett Rinkoff, on his rounds.

The woman, Mrs. Emily Murty, 45, is now in hospital with head injuries. Her attacker escaped.

## "BOWERY" BANDS

Police believe that the killing of Lawrence has brought the gang warfare to a head.

There are about half a dozen now in the East End, and rivalry has increased during the last few weeks. Under the cover of the black-out there have been razor fights in the streets.

"Chick's" henchmen were known as the "Lawrence Gang."

Other gangs follow the style of the Bowery bands, aping their methods and even their names. One of the most feared men is known as "the Dodger," another is nicknamed "the Dead Man." Some of them use razors, others knuckle-dusters.

A medical examination of the body of "Chick" Lawrence showed that he had been brutally treated.

There has lately been bitter rivalry among them for control of the pin-table "racket."

Attendants of some of the pin-table saloons are terrorised by gangsters into "fixing" the tables. And it is

when one gang trespasses on another gang's pin-table preserves that the trouble begins.

A "Daily Mail" reporter was given details of several "protection rackets" which provide easy money for gangs.

The "pickings" are worth while can be judged from the fact that the son of one of London's most notorious gangsters is being educated at a famous public school.

## CAR MYSTERY

The possibility that Lawrence may not have been killed in the courtyard but brought there after the crime is suggested by the story of Mr. Silverman, who lives in Ruth House, Flower and Dean-street.

She told a reporter:

"I suffer from insomnia and often pace up and down the room when I cannot sleep. Early on Sunday morning a car pulled up outside my window and from the voices I judged there were at least two men in it."

"They seemed to be arguing. Then they got out and went into the courtyard. After about 15 minutes they came back, and I heard one say, 'Quickly, turn left.'"

"The car then drove off at a fast pace towards Commercial-street."

Yesterday police visited a number of clubs in the East End.

Supt. Percy Worth, one of Scotland Yard's "Big Five," is in charge of the case.

U-BOAT SURVIVORS  
LANDED

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announced this evening that a number of U-boat prisoners were landed on Saturday night at a Scottish port as a result of recent naval operations.—British Wireless.

OFFICERS'  
SACRIFICE  
TO REJOIN  
R.A.F.

An air Vice-Marshal and three Air Commodores on the R.A.F. retired list, who learned to fly before the last war, have at their own request relinquished their ranks "while re-employed with the Air Force."

They have been granted the rank of Group Captain.

Their names announced in the London Gazette are: Air Vice-Marshal Reginald Percy Mills, M.C., A.F.C., Air Commodore Thomas Charles Reginald Higgins, Air Commodore Andrew George Board D.S.O., and Air Commodore Francis Knox Haskins, D.S.C.

Air Vice-Marshal Mills, who is fifty-three, qualified as a pilot in 1912, and went with the 4th Squadron to France in 1914.

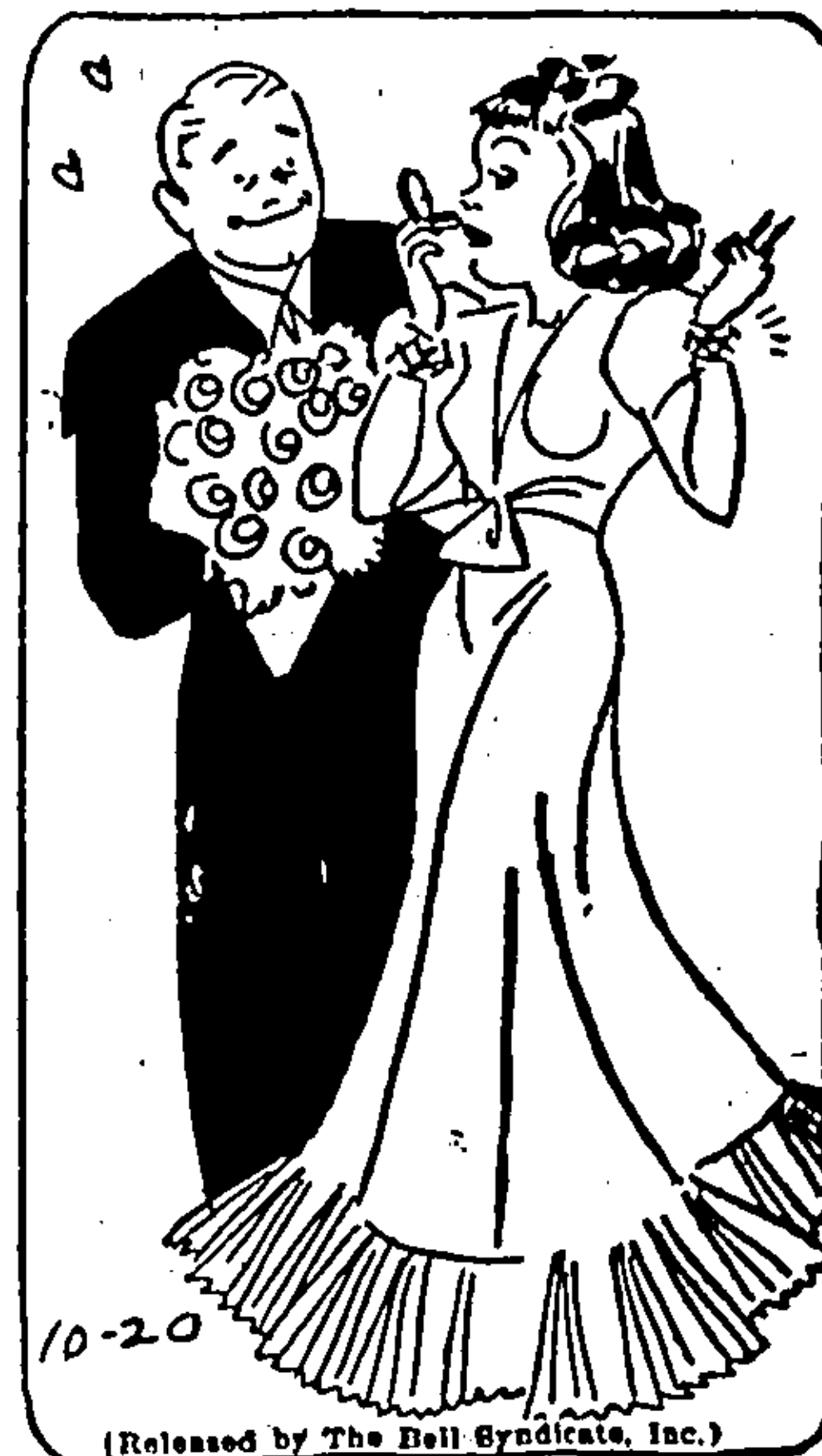
Air Commodore Higgins, who is fifty-nine took his certificate in 1911. He served with the R.F.C. in France.

Air Commodore Board, who is sixty-one, became a qualified pilot even earlier—1910—and saw service in France, Macedonia and Egypt.

Air Commodore Haskins took his flying certificate in 1913. He was Group Captain in charge of Administration, Air Defence of Great Britain, before his retirement in 1934.

## SALE OF WORK

The Salvation Army's Home for Women and Girls and the Ebenezer Industrial Home for Blind Girls, Pokfulam, are holding a Sale of Work to-day and to-morrow, between 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. at the International Women's Club, Gloucester Building, first floor.



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Variety And Dance Music

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Information.  
12.30 p.m. DANCE MUSIC by Ann Hines and His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trot: Saving Up My Time To Spend On You. (Crazy With Love from "This'll Make You Whistle"). Miracles Sometimes Happen. Just Say "Aloha".  
Waltz: Mule In May (from "Careless Rapture").  
Fox-Trot: Until Today. Bye, Bye, Baby. Maybe, It's The Spring. Watching The Stars.  
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—VARIETY with Charlie Kunz, Frank Crumit, Harold Ramsay and Doris Palmer.

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Piano: Kunz Revivals No. 1.  
Intro: If you could care for me, Kiss me again. Little Sweet. Some of these days. With a song in my heart. Night and Day. Charlie Kunz.  
Vocal: Granny's Old Arm-Chair. Little Brown Jug (Adapted by Frank Crumit). Frank Crumit with Orchestra.  
Cinema Organ: Popular Melodies.  
Intro: Alone at a table for two. Alone. I'm all alone. You started me dreaming. The touch of your lips. Last Harold Ramsay.  
Comedienne: Women In Love (Rutherford

& Wilcock). A Perfect Lady (Phonix & Geyn). Doris Palmer with Piano.  
Piano: Kunz Revivals No. 2.  
Intro: Rose in the Bud. Speak to Me of Love. Someday I'll Find you. Charlie Kunz.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—SCHUBERT—Quartet In A Minor, Op. 29. Kolisch Quartet.  
2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

6.00 p.m.—"For the Children". Nursery Rhymes—Medley. The New Century Quartette with Orchestra.  
Teddy Bears' Picnic (Bratton). Frank Ellis & His Brass Quintette.

STUDIO—Story by Aunt Susan.  
Little Drummer Boy (Noel, Pelosi). Grace Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra.  
Good-Night, Little Skipper—Fox-Trot. Brian Lawrence & His Orchestra.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Harry Roy's Stage Show. Harry Roy & His Orchestra. (Recorded at the actual performance at The Garrick Theatre, Southport).

6.47 p.m.—Four Popular Dance Numbers.  
Fox-Trots: Jeepers Creepers (film "Going Places"). Mutiny In The Nursery (film "Going Places"). Paul Whiteman & His Swing Wing.

Waltzes: The Umbrella Man (from "These Foolish Things"). Ferdinand The Bull (from the film). Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—SEA SHANTIES by The Royal Naval Singers.  
Billy Boy. Johnny Come Down To Hilo. I'll Go No More A-Roving. Rio Grande. Jolly Roger. Sailors' Chorus.

7.10 p.m.—STUDIO—Another "Musical Cocktail" by Erich Porges (Piano) (From Jimmy's Kitchen).

7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—An hour of Variety with Josephine Baker, "Hutch", Ronald Gourley and Ray Noble and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—When The Band Goes Marching By. Six-eight One-step—Watch The Navy. Ray Noble & His New Mayfair Orch.

Vocal & Piano—The Morning After (film "Hands Across the Table"). Love Is Like A Cigarette (Kent-Jerome). "Hutch" (Leslie Hutchinson).

Vocal—La Petite Tonkinoise (Villard, Scott, Christine). J'AI Deux Amours (Koger, Varna and Scott). Josephine Baker and Adrian Lamy with Orchestra.

Piano & Whistling—Medley.  
Intro: Easter Parade. With every breath I take. His Majesty the Baby. June

in January. One good tune deserves another. The big bad wolf was dead. Ronald Courley.

Vocal & Piano—Life Is Nothing Without Music (Hartley). "Hutch".

Comedy: Fox-Trots—Tan, Tan Tivvy Tally Ho. It Ain't No Fault Of Mine. Ray Noble & His New Mayfair Orchestra.

Vocal—Nuits De Miami (from Revue "En Super-Folies"). Parit Sur Un Bateau. Toul Blanc (from Revue "En Super-Folies"). Josephine Baker with Orch.

Piano—Medley.  
Intro: Continental. Stay as sweet as you are. Sweetheart Joe. The Candy Man. Smoke gets in your eyes. Who made little Boy Blue. If I love again. Ronald Courley.

Vocal—Moon For Sale (Rosen & Others). Thanks A Million (from the film). Robert Ashley with Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Yes, Mr. Brown (from the film). Balloons. Ray Noble & His Orchestra.

9.05 p.m.—STUDIO — Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra and Rose Bampton (Contralto).

"Virginia"—Selection (Waller & Tunbridge). "Funny Face"—Selection (Gershwin). New Mayfair Orchestra.

Swans (Kramer). Rose Bampton (Contralto) with Piano.

"Lucky Girl"—Selection (Charik & Meyer). New Mayfair Orchestra.

Light, My Light (from "Gitanjali"—Song-offerings). When I Bring to You Colour'd Toys (from "Gitanjali"—Song-offerings). Rose Bampton (Contralto) with Piano.

"Love Lies"—Selection. "Five O'Clock Girl"—Selection (Ruby). New Mayfair Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music. Swing-Step—Don't Count Your Chickens. Slow Fox-Trot—House Beautiful. Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

Tango—My Lost Love. Quickstep—On The Isle Of Kitchymiboko. Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orch.

Slow Fox-Trot—Taint Good. Quickstep—I Can't Lose That Longing For You. Gerry Moore (Piano).

Quickstep—The Merry-Go-Round. Comedy Quickstep—Oh Will You Wash My Father's Shirt? Sid Millward & His Nitwits.

Quicksteps—China Boy. Choo-Choo. The Ballyhooligans.

Slow Fox-Trot—Let's Sing Again (from the film). Waltz—When You're In Love With Someone. Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

Tangos—La Cancion De La Ribera. Y Haces El Novio. Orquesta Tipica, Victor.

Fox-Trot—Saxophone Fireworks. Eric Harden Dance Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Land Of Love. Waltz—Sunshine In Spring. Eugen Wolff & His Orch.

Quickstep—Shy. Swing Step—I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You. Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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### THE RIGHT SPOT

One of the tests of a good player is the ability, when he does make a bad bid at an early stage, to recover from it later. For instance, here is an example:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable  
Howard Schenken  
♠ K J 7 4  
♥ A Q 2  
♦ 10 6 3  
♣ A 8 5  
♠ Q 10 6 5  
♥ 3  
♦ K 2  
♣ Q J 10 7  
North  
♠ A 9 8 2  
♥ J 10 7 5  
♦ 8 7  
♣ 9 4 3  
Robert McPherran  
♠ —  
♥ K 9 8 6 3  
♦ A Q J 9 5 4  
♣ K 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Let us consider the bidding as a whole. Unquestionably a one-diamond opening is better than one heart, but Mr. McPherran reasoned that his opening bid, although perfectly sound, was quite weak in high cards and hence it would be better to bid his suits in natural rather than reverse order. Mr. Schenken had no problem in his initial response, and now Mr. McPherran, more so, bid two diamonds. After all, he had no spades. Mr. Schenken now selected his proper second bid, and now Mr. McPherran bid four diamonds as a mild Slam invitation. Mr. Schenken's brilliant bid of five clubs,

showing that Ace, was an acceptance of the invitation, so Mr. McPherran jumped to six diamonds. At this point it was evident that he held six diamonds and five hearts, so Mr. Schenken left the contract in diamonds.

The play was quite simple. Mr. McPherran won the opening club lead in dummy and finessed the diamonds unsuccessfully. Another club was played and won by Declarer's King. A second diamond lead exhausted the opponents' trumps and now, when hearts failed to break, Mr. McPherran simply trumped one in dummy.

Yesterday you were the dealer and held:

♠ A 9 6  
♥ A K Q J 7 6 4  
♦ A 8  
♣ 7

ANSWER: The correct bid is two hearts. You have nine sure tricks and a high card holding of about half the deck with strong Slam possibilities.

Score 100% for two hearts, 40% for one heart (there is a distinct chance that this bid will be dropped), 0 for three or four hearts (don't preempt with strong hands).

QUESTION NO. 274

To-day you are David Burnstone's partner. Neither side is vulnerable and you hold:

♠ x x  
♥ x x  
♦ A Q J 10 x x  
♣ x x

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	Jacoby	You
1♠	Pass	2♠	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## WEEK-END SPORT

# REJUVENATED H.K. LADIES' TEAM; GALAXY'S SURPRISE WIN; CHARTER CONFOUNDS HIS CRITICS; E. F. FINCHER FINDS TOUCH EARLY; FORROW PROMINENT FOR CLUB.

I noticed that in a recent article the present Hong Kong Ladies' Senior hockey team was described as one of the weakest in their history. Their display on Saturday against Recreio did nothing to confirm that opinion.

The return of the evergreen Miss Gray to the full-back division, and the introduction of two former C.B.S. school-girls in the Misses June Booker and Dorothy Watson have made all the difference in the world.

Miss Gray showed a turn of speed which compared very favourably with her more youthful opponents. It was noticeable also, especially in the second half when she definitely had the opposing left-wing combination taped, that the Recreio girls revealed an inferiority complex whenever she moved in view!

The veteran right back has been one of the leading players in this position almost the entire time that ladies hockey locally has been in an organised state and although there may be other right-backs ranked higher than she is at the moment, there cannot be many of them.

Miss Booker has every reason to feel satisfied with her performance. She has only recently recovered from a nasty illness and has not been able to get in much practice. Miss Watson was good in rare spasms but generally appeared out of touch.

Miss Purvis maintained her improvement of last week and must be one of the speediest wingers in local ladies hockey, while Miss Marr, if not quite as speedy, must be ranked among the most polished forwards.

For Recreio Miss Barros, in goal, saved her side from much heavier defeat and together with the consistent Miss P. Gonsalves, centre-half, was the only player in the team to impress to any extent.

Recreio are somewhat slow in getting to the ball and they could profitably dispose of it on a great many occasions far more rapidly than they are doing just now.

It was a pity that there was some misunderstanding about the appointments of umpires for the Brawn Cup game between Recreio and Central British School on Saturday with the result that only a friendly game was played.

True sporting spirit was shown over this. C.B.S. were willing that an umpire from Recreio be asked but that gentleman had to leave before the game would be finished while Recreio were willing to play with any umpire.

As nobody was available the teams still had an enjoyable friendly.

"Y" ladies were too strong for C.B.S. and won comfortably by 5 goals



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to 1 and Miss C. Minot did not have anything to do in goal. It will be interesting to see how she fares when really tested.

"Y" have a strong intermediate line, which includes Miss K. Pocock, but their backs are not so good though Mrs. Stone was prominent with her tackling and clearances.

A pleasing feature of the school-girls' play is that they appear to pay no heed to the score and keep up the same pace and tactics throughout the game.

Galaxy's win in the St. Andrew's Stakes on Saturday was a surprise. In previous outings this

**RACING** half, over 1 mile 151 yards, in the Kwangsi Handicap it ran unplaced, behind Red Feather, Avon, New Star and Lilliber, and in the Hong Kong Griffins Cup it was third, behind Rose Emily, Saturday's favourite, and Hectic View, and in the St. Leger it was third in an entry of four. Someone must have been in the know, however, for it paid only \$31.40 for its success. Ajax is a pony that has always had a future but which has disappointed badly time and again, and its very fine and effortless win on Saturday was good to see. Mr. Poy showed good judgment and his handling of Australian ponies is improving with each meeting.

Jimmie Thomson's debut for Club was a great success on Saturday, his service to Charter being perfect. The latter surprised his critics with a great display

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## NARROWING THE STANCE

By BEST BALL

### GRAPHIC GOLF



Even the first flight golfers often undergo some sort of evolution process in their swings. In many instances the change may be so slow that the golfer himself is unaware of it. It is only when some concrete evidence in the form of before and after photographs, such as those of Sarazen above, is presented that the metamorphosis is made apparent.

Gene Sarazen, whose style is illustrated above, has widened his stance with the years. A bold player, one given to hitting the ball in unrestrained fashion, Sarazen's stance in his earlier years was with his feet quite wide apart. Endowed with a supple body there was no need of narrowing the stance to gain sufficient body turn. With his feet braced widely apart and planted firmly on terra firma, he could punch an iron shot to the pin with the best. Years have not dimmed his capacity to do this, as recent scores of his will attest, but they have made it necessary for him

## FOOTBALL

## EASTERN AGAIN LUCKY: CHEONG WING CHOY BRILLIANT

THOUGH THE EASTERN Association had informed the Football Association that the majority of their players were still suffering from the effects of injuries sustained a week ago this fact was not apparent in their League game against South China "B" yesterday when they won by the odd goal in three after a goalless first half.

Kong Sing-keng, who is in Macao, was not able to come down for the game while Lee Tak-kee took the place of the injured Yue Yap-wing; otherwise Eastern fielded their regular side.

South China had several players injured in this game the most serious being Kwong Ying-kee who is believed to have badly injured his ankle and will not be playing for three weeks. Tsang Chung-wan, of Eastern, strained a muscle early in the game but was able to carry on.

Cheong Wing-choy, in the South China goal, played another good game. His handling of any high balls was safe and he several times took the ball off the heads of the opposing forwards.

Kwong Ying-kee, up to the time of his injury, was a tricky forward while Chan Tak-fai in the centre needed watching. On the right wing Yeung Shui-yick had the best of the Eastern defence in the first half but in the second period was unsupported.

Eastern were not allowed to indulge in their usual game and were seldom dangerous in the first half but in the second period had more of the play and continually bombarded the South China goal.

South China took the lead in the second half through Chan Tak-fai but Chung Yung-sum equalised with a header after which Hau Ching-to scored the winning goal.

### FOOTBALL RESULTS AND SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION			
Club			
Fowler	1	S. China "A"	2
		Ip Pak-wah,	
		Lai Shui-wing.	
Kowloon	1	Kwong Wah	2
Bell		Lau Fook-chuen,	
		Lee Yan-leung.	
Middlesex	2	St. Joseph's	2
Tait, Coomer.		Lee Bing-tong,	
		Perreira.	
S. China "B"	1	Eastern	2
Chan Tak-fai.		Hau Chin-to and	
		Chung Yung-sum.	
Navy	1	Royal Scots	0
Phillips.			
SECOND DIVISION "A"			
Club			
	0	South China	3
		Chan Chi-fai 2,	
		Chan Wai-sang.	
Kit Chee	1	Eastern	3
Wong Wing-chuen.		Cheng Ying-kuen 2,	
		Wan Hok-ming.	
SECOND DIVISION "B"			
Kowloon	2	R.A.F.	4
Santos C. 2.		Cuthbert 2,	
		Ho Kar-keung,	
		Bartlett.	
Kwong Wah	2	Police	3
Chan Chi-fun,		Gordon 2, Ferrier.	
Lau Wing-kui.			
Engineers	0	Signals	1
		Hutchinson.	
THIRD DIVISION			
R.A.S.C.	0	24th Hvy. Bty.	2
		Mason, Atkins.	
Royal Scots	1	International	1
Holden.		Leonard.	
Kumaon Rifles	1	5th A.A. Regt.	2
Narain Singh.		Finlay, Berkley.	
R.A.M.C.	0	Signals	6
		Medford 3,	
		Truscott 2,	
		Walworth.	
Engineers	3	12th R.A.	0
Ellesley (2) and		Burrows.	
Hill.			
JUNIOR SHIELD			
5th R.A.	0	Electric	1
		Gardner.	

The final of the Subalterns Cup (Polo) will take place at 4 p.m. to-day, the Royal Scots meeting the Fixed Defences, R.A. His Excellency the Governor may attend.

### CHATEAU-BOTTLED CLARETS

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# SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

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at fly-half, and it is doubtful whether Cessford would have done better. Henderson, the regular scrum-half, was out of position at full-back, where his talent seems wasted. Club are indeed fortunate to have two good scrum halves but it has raised a problem which will not be easy to solve as Thomson's place is scrum-half and nowhere else, due to his light weight. Kennedy was not at his best at forward and when Alec Taylor is fit again the former may find it hard to hold his place in the pack.

South China "A" were lucky to get away with both points in their game against Club who put up a surprisingly good fight. Forrow, in the pivotal position, playing a sound game and

keeping the Chinese forwards from getting dangerous.

Club defence was not pretty to watch but the fast tackling and clearances kept the score down.

At Boundary Street, a weakened St. Joseph's team held Middlesex to a draw which was more than they expected to do. The Saints were two goals up in the first few minutes but were not able to maintain this lead in the second period when they were mostly on the defensive.

Perreira and Castilho played very hard as inside forwards and were always assisting the defence.

Though assisted by Bliss, Kowloon were beaten by Kwong Wah. H. Jorge was missing in the forward line whilst it seems that Williamson, who was in

the attack, does not yet fit in with the other attackers.

E. F. Fincher wasted little time since his return from leave in getting back to cricket. He appears to do better without practice as his innings on Saturday was superior to any he produced last season. Francis Lay scored next highest figure of the day.

A. H. Ismail, the Craigengower left-hander, was responsible for the best bowling performance, taking 7 for 73 against the Champions on their own ground.

## LEADING PERFORMANCES

**Batting**  
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.) ..... \*79  
F. J. Lay (K.C.C. 2nd XI) ..... 72  
Sgt. Denyer (Army) ..... 54

Fisher (D.B.S.) ..... 53  
C. Pope (P.R.C.) ..... 52  
W. K. Way (C.C.C. 2nd XI) ..... \*43  
N. Singh (Univ.) ..... \*41  
W. S. Gegg (Univ.) ..... 40  
Capt. Grose (Army) ..... 39  
P. Rull (St. J.) ..... 38  
A. H. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) ..... 37  
J. E. Richardson (Club) ..... 36  
K. Nazarin (I.R.C.) ..... 35  
F. Forrest (P.R.C.) ..... 33  
R. Silva (St. J.) ..... 32  
Capt. Lawrence (Army) ..... \*31  
F. A. Weller (C.B.S.) ..... 30

## Bowling

A. H. Ismail (C.C.C.) ..... 7 for 73  
Curreem (I.R.C. 2nd XI) ..... 5 for 12  
H. Curtis (K.C.C. 2nd XI) ..... 5 for 14  
Ebrahim (St. J.) ..... 5 for 35  
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## SOVIET AND APPEAL TO LEAGUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Geneva, To-day.

Soviet Russia's participation in the League of Nations, which morally ceased to exist since Moscow's aggression against Poland, will terminate effectively as a result of Finland's appeal, observers here are of the opinion.

It is thought most probable that Moscow will not send a delegate before the Council of the League when the latter examines the Finnish appeal.

Moscow would thus take action tantamount to a spontaneous withdrawal from the League.

If Soviet Russia were represented, she would be liable to blame and exclusion. — Havas.

### FRENCH RESERVE

Paris, To-day.

Official circles maintain complete reserve regarding Finland's appeal to the League.

It is stated that all member States must be consulted before the Council meeting and France has not yet taken up her position. — Reuter.

### FOREIGN PLANES OVER BELGIUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Three foreign aeroplanes, flying at a considerable height, flew over

## POPE URGES CHRISTMAS TRUCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Berlin correspondent of "Politiken" reports that the Pope is suggesting to the belligerents a Christmas truce from December 22 to December 27.

The Reich is receiving the proposal favourably, but realises that the situation does not depend on Germany, as the country's military activity is limited to answering the French artillery.

It is also pointed out that it is very difficult to control the war at sea. — Havas.

## PARACHUTE TRICK FAILS

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THE FAILURE OF A SOVIET MILITARY MANOEUVRE, IN AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE FINNISH DEFENCES IN THE LADOGA AREA.

The much-practised landing of troops by parachute was carried out behind the Finnish lines, the troops being equipped with machine-guns.

After some sharp skirmishing, however, the landing parties were either annihilated or taken prisoner. — Reuter.

Vervriers on Saturday. Another group of foreign planes was also sighted over the Namur district. — Havas.

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They mortally wounded a Chinese woman and arrested one soldier and a civilian, also believed to be British.

About 20 rounds of pistol and rifle ammunition was fired by the Municipality police.

Shortly after 10 p.m., the soldier and the civilian were taken to a house occupied by the Special Municipality police and their Japanese advisors. They were released at 1 a.m. to-day.

The incident began when a party of 15 Municipality policemen broke into a cafe, splintering the front door; they searched all the rooms.

They are said to have found a British soldier, Private Peel, of East Surrey Regiment, and a civilian and arrested them.

As they were taking their prisoners along, a small group of unarmed British soldiers came out of another cafe and the policemen opened fire on them.

An East Surreys' mechanised patrol at the perimeter and another lorry carrying fully equipped soldiers and Bren machine-guns rushed to the scene and took up a position opposite the scene of the shooting.

A large party of Shanghai Municipal Police came up and later the Municipality force left, leaving the scene to the East Surreys and the Settlement police. — Reuter.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

Sharp clashes between the invading Japanese force and the Chinese troops are reported in the hilly regions along the Nan-ning-Wuming highway. The Japanese are not making any progress.

The coast at Pakhoi was heavily shelled by Japanese war ships last night. — Our Own Correspondent.

Latest official reports in connection with the Shanghai Street fire reveal that 10 more charred bodies were found in the debris this morning.

Three of those admitted to hospital have succumbed, bringing the total casualties to 45.

There are now 16 under treatment in hospital. Ten are said to be in a critical condition.

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